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**BASIC PRODUCE SAFETY RULE EXEMPTION RENEWAL**

Produce Safety Rule Exemption **must be renewed every 3 years** to maintain Exemption Status and avoid being subject to inspection.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Farm: \_\_\_\_\_ Farm: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Is the above farm still in business?**                      Yes                      No                      If no, skip to end, date and sign.

**Requirements for Qualified Exemption:**  
Both of the following requirements must be met.

A. During the previous 3-year period, annual food sales are less than \$500,000 adjusted for inflation, and the amount of sales sold to qualified end-users exceeded the amount sold to all other buyers.

AND

B. You sell more than 50% of your annual food sales to qualified end-users (consumer of the food and/or a restaurant or retail food establishment) located in Mississippi or within the same Indian Reservation or within 275 miles of your farm.

**Sales to qualified end users (QEU's)** (e.g., consumers anywhere, or grocery stores and restaurants within 275 miles or within the same state or Indian reservation) Example of previous 3 years: If application is completed in 2024 use years 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Year 1 (Sales Year: \_\_\_\_\_) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Year 2 (Sales Year: \_\_\_\_\_) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Year 3 (Sales Year: \_\_\_\_\_) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Average** food sales to QEU's \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Sales to non-QEU's** (e.g. wholesale buyers) Example of previous 3 years: If application is completed in 2024 use years 2021, 2022, and 2023.

Year 1 (Sales Year: \_\_\_\_\_) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Year 2 (Sales Year: \_\_\_\_\_) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Year 3 (Sales Year: \_\_\_\_\_) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Average** food sales to non-QEU's \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sales receipts must also be retained to support this record. FDA updates the inflation adjusted value (B) yearly: <https://www.fda.gov/food/guidanceregulation/fsma/ucm554484.htm>

By signing this form, I attest that the information contained her in is accurate for my intended operations and I meet the qualifications laid out by this instrument. I understand that a Produce Safety Division representative may verify the information provided on this application by visiting my farm and requesting documentation to support application.

I will notify the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce if my farm is no longer eligible for a basic exemption, so that any requirements can be reassessed to ensure continued compliance with the FSMA Produce Safety Rule.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed application to:  
The Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce  
Produce Safety Division  
P. O. Box 1609  
Jackson, MS 39215-1609

**FSMA Reference 112.7(b) Confidential Record**

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Based on this information, this farm meets the criteria for a basic exemption.

**Reviewed by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_