

**13.643 AGRICULTURAL DATA.****Subdivision 1. Department of Agriculture data. (a) Loan and grant applicant data.**

The following data on applicants, collected by the Department of Agriculture in its sustainable agriculture revolving loan and grant programs under sections 17.115 and 17.116, are private or nonpublic: nonfarm income; credit history; insurance coverage; machinery and equipment list; financial information; and credit information requests.

(b) **Farm advocate data.** The following data supplied by farmer clients to Minnesota farm advocates and to the Department of Agriculture are private data on individuals: financial history, including listings of assets and debts, and personal and emotional status information.

Subd. 2. **Farm assistance data.** The following data collected and maintained by counties that provide assistance to individual farmers who are experiencing economic or emotional distress are classified as private data: financial history, including listings of assets and debts, and personal and emotional status information.

Subd. 3. **Aquaculture permit data.** The following data collected and maintained by an agency issuing aquaculture permits under sections 17.47 to 17.498 are classified as private or nonpublic: the names and addresses of customers provided in the permit application.

Subd. 4. [Repealed, 2001 c 202 s 21]

Subd. 5. **Data received from federal government.** All data received by the Department of Agriculture from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Agriculture, Food Safety, and Inspection Service that is necessary for the purpose of carrying out the Department of Agriculture's statutory food safety regulatory and enforcement duties are classified as nonpublic data under section 13.02, subdivision 9, and private data on individuals under section 13.02, subdivision 12. This section does not preclude the obligation of the Department of Agriculture to appropriately inform consumers of issues that could affect public health.

Subd. 6. **Animal premises data.** (a) The following data collected and maintained by the Board of Animal Health related to registration and identification of premises and animals under chapter 35, are classified as private or nonpublic:

- (1) the names and addresses;
- (2) the location of the premises where animals are kept; and
- (3) the identification number of the premises or the animal.

(b) The Board of Animal Health may disclose data collected under paragraph (a) to any person, agency, or to the public if the board determines that the access will aid in the law enforcement process or the protection of public or animal health or safety.

**History:** *1985 c 298 s 27; 1987 c 351 s 13; 1990 c 573 s 10; 1991 c 309 s 1; 1993 c 351 s 12; 1999 c 227 s 22; 1Sp2003 c 8 art 2 s 10; 2005 c 163 s 45*