

**701—18.52(422,423) Irrigation equipment used in farming operations.** On and after July 1, 1989, the gross receipts from the sale or rental of irrigation equipment used in farming operations are exempt from tax. The term “irrigation equipment” includes, but is not limited to, circle irrigation systems and trickle irrigation systems. The term “farming operations” has the same meaning as the term “agricultural production” set out in 701—subrule 17.9(3), paragraph “a,” and as further characterized in 18.44(2)“a.”

Effective May 18, 2001, and retroactive to April 1, 1995, the gross receipts from the sale or rental of irrigation equipment, as defined above, whether installed above or below ground are exempt from tax as long as the equipment is sold or rented by a contractor or farmer and the equipment is primarily used in agricultural operations.

Contractors or farmers entitled to the exemption set forth in the previous paragraph may apply for a refund of taxes, interest or penalties paid on the sale or rental of qualifying irrigation equipment for transactions that occurred between April 1, 1995, and May 18, 2001. To be eligible for refund, refund claims must be filed with the department prior to October 1, 2001. Refund claims are limited to \$25,000 in the aggregate and will not be allowed if not timely filed. If the amount of refund claims totals more than \$25,000 in the aggregate, the department will prorate the \$25,000 among all claimants in relation to the amounts of the claimants’ valid claims.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 422.45 and 2001 Iowa Acts, House File 723.