

701—226.13(423) Water used in agricultural production. Water sold to farmers who are purchasing water for household use, sanitation, swimming pools, or other personal use is subject to sales tax. Water sold to farmers and others and used directly as drinking water for livestock production (including the production of domesticated fowl) is exempt from sales tax. When water is used for exempt purposes, as in livestock production, as well as for taxable purposes, the water may, when practical, be separately metered and separately billed to clearly distinguish the water consumed for exempt purposes from taxable purposes. When it is impractical to separately meter exempt water from taxable water, the purchaser may furnish to the seller a statement enabling the seller to determine the percentage of water subject to exemption. In the absence of proof to the contrary, the retailer of the water shall bill and collect tax on the first 5,000 gallons of water per month. The first 5,000 gallons of water per month will be considered to be for nonexempt use, and the balance will be considered to be used as part of agricultural production.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code subsection 423.3(5).
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