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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DEALERS IN AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS LAW

The dealers in agriculture products law (O.C. G. A. §2-9-1 thru §2-9-16) was changed in the 2013 legislative session with passage of House Bill 268.

The basic tenant of the law has not been changed. Any person or business, regardless of state or location, that is purchasing fruits, vegetables, pecans, or cotton in Georgia is to be licensed by the Georgia Department of Agriculture and will comply with surety requirements as outlined in the law. Calculation of surety required is the same and based on purchases during the highest volume month of the year.

The following changes have occurred:

1. **The license now requires annual renewal** and there is a nominal cost for the license.
2. **Current license holders will be required to submit new applications for license.**
3. There are now caps on the amount of surety required.

Implementation of this will start in January 2014. In cooperation with the department's license division, we hope that most dealers will apply online and help expedite the process.

Dealers, please use the following link <http://www.kellysolutions.com/ga/dealersagproducts/>

On this link, you will be able to apply for your 2014 license and update necessary items.

Georgia farmers will be asking all parties that are not making cash purchases if they are licensed dealers. We will post a list of all licensed dealers on our website as it is developed during the first quarter of 2014.

Specific License questions should be directed to Melissa Richardson at 404-586-1416. General information questions from dealers can be directed to our warehouse/bonding division at 404-656-3725.

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