

AGRICULTURAL SALES AND SERVICES BILL, 2023

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A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE OF PLANTS AND ANIMALS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; THE PROVISIONS OF AGRICULTURAL SERVICES TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas

1. Short title and commencement.

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Agricultural Sales and Services Act, 2023.
- (2) This Act shall come into force on the 1st day of July, 2023.

2. Interpretation.

In this Act —

- “**animal**” means a terrestrial and aquatic animal (including birds and bees) of any kind, domestic and wild and semen, embryos and ova;
- “**Department**” means the Department of Agriculture;
- “**Minister**” means the Minister responsible for agriculture;
- “**plant**” means any living plants, including weeds, forests and wild flora, and the parts thereof, including seeds and germplasm.

3. Sale of plants.

The Department may offer for sale to the general public, the plants listed in Part A of the *Schedule*, at the rates shown therein.

4. Sale of animals.

The Department may offer for sale to the general public, the animals listed in Part B of the *Schedule*, at the rates shown therein.

5. Agricultural services.

The Department may offer to the general public, the services listed in Part C of the *Schedule*, at the rates shown therein .

6. Minister may amend Schedule.

The Minister may, by order, amend the *Schedule*.

SCHEDULE

(sections 3, 4 and 5)

PART A – PLANTS

PLANT	FEE/RATE
Seedling	\$1.00 per plant

PART B – ANIMALS

ANIMAL	FEE/RATE
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Swine

Gilt (unbred female) f1 Cross - Yorkshire mixed with Landrace	First 50 lbs. - \$100.00 (live weight) \$0.90¢ per each lb. over 50lbs
Market Pig	\$1.40 per lb. (live weight)
Feeder Pig	\$0.90¢ per lb. with a minimum charge of \$40.00 (live weight)
Purebred Gilt	First 70 lbs. - \$150.00 (live weight) \$0.90¢ per each lb. over 70lbs
Boar	100 lbs. - \$225.00 (live weight)
Cull	\$0.60¢ to \$0.80¢ per lb. (dress weight)

Bovine

Cattle (Male)	\$700.00
Cattle (Female)	\$500.00
Cattle (Adult Male)	\$1,200.00
Cattle (Adult Female)	\$1,000.00

Ovine

Market (Ram)	\$150.00
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Market (Buck)	\$150.00
Ewe	\$80.00 - \$120.00
Doe	\$80.00 - \$120.00
Purebred Ram/Buck	\$350.00
Purebred Ewe/Doe	\$250.00

PART C - SERVICES

SERVICE	FEE/RATE
Disking of Farm Land	\$60.00 per hour
Bush Hogging	\$60.00 per hour
Fence Post Hole Drilling	\$60.00 per hour
Ridging	\$60.00 per hour

OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Agricultural Sales and Services Bill, 2023, seeks to empower the Department of Agriculture to charge fees for the sale of plants and animals and provision of certain agricultural services to the general public.