

Butchers—Peddlers—Farmers—Ranchers—Licenses.

Farmers and ranchers are exempt from procuring a license under Chapter 69, laws of 1929, where the slaughter and sale is of cattle of their own raising.

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My dear Mr. Keeley:

You have requested an opinion whether farmers or ranchers who slaughter and sell beef raised by them should obtain a license under Chapter 69, Laws of 1929.

Section 2 of said chapter provides for licenses of butchers and peddlers as defined in Section 1 of said chapter. In said Section 2 there appears the following:

“This section shall not apply to the slaughter or sale of meat by any person, firm, corporation or association who may slaughter or cause to be slaughtered any neat cattle of his or its own raising.”

It is my opinion that the above quoted part of the law exempts these farmers and ranchers from the necessity of procuring a license where the slaughter and sale is of cattle of their own raising.

Very truly yours,

L. A. FOOT,
Attorney General.