

"1. Does an owner who brings a beef hide from another county have to have such hide first inspected in the former county?"

"2. When an owner sells beef hide to hide buyer at his place of business is it necessary that the hide be inspected before such sale?"

"3. Does the law make any provision requiring a license of one buying or selling beef hides?"

Answering your first question, I am unable to find any statute which requires that an owner who brings a beef hide from another county must have such hide first inspected in the former county. Section 4, Chapter 172, Laws of 1931, which seems to be the last word of the legislature on the subject, reads:

"Every person or persons, firm, corporation or association, slaughtering cattle for their own use, must before disposing of the hide or hides from such cattle, have the same inspected by an officer authorized to make such inspection and secure a certificate of inspection as hereinbefore provided for. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm, corporation, or association to sell or offer for sale any hide or hides from neat cattle which have not been inspected and identified by an authorized inspector.

"Beef or veal hides may be sold to buyers without inspection; provided the purchaser immediately takes such hide or hides to the inspector residing in the county where such hide or hides were sold, and closest to the point where sale was made for inspection and identification. Such buyer must deliver to the inspector a bill of sale signed by the seller, fully describing such hide or hides as to sex, age, color, brands and whether green or dry. Such bills of sale shall be transmitted by the inspector to the county clerk and recorder with the report of the inspection."

The first sentence forbids a person slaughtering cattle for his own use from disposing of hides from such cattle without having them inspected and securing certificate of inspection. Then follows a provision that it shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale any hides from neat cattle which have not been inspected and identified by an inspector but in the

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#### Livestock—Inspection of Hides—Hide Dealers—Licenses.

HELD: An owner who brings a beef hide from another county need not have the same inspected before selling such hide in another county.

An owner selling beef hide to hide buyer at his place of business need not have the hide inspected before such sale.

There is no statute requiring a license from one dealing exclusively in beef hides.

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You have submitted the following questions:

last paragraph of the section authority is given to sell beef or veal hides to buyers without inspection, provided the purchaser immediately takes such hides to the inspector residing in the county where such hides were sold for inspection or identification. Such buyer must also deliver a bill of sale signed by the seller fully describing the hides.

Answering your second question, the last paragraph of said Section 4 authorizes the owner of hides from cattle slaughtered for his own use to sell the same without inspection on the conditions therein provided. One of the conditions is that the purchaser must immediately take such hides to the inspector residing in the county where such hides were sold, and closest to the point where sale was made for inspection and identification.

I do not find any statute requiring a license of a person buying or selling beef hides exclusively. Chapter 151, Laws of 1929, providing for the licensing of hide dealers, exempts beef hides by defining a hide dealer as one who is engaged in the business of buying or selling any hide or hides from any "horse, mare, colt, mule, jack, jenny."