§ 106-266.35. Sale or dispensing of milk.
   (a) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section:
      (1) Only milk that is Grade "A" pasteurized milk may be sold or dispensed
directly to consumers for human consumption.
      (2) Raw milk and raw milk products shall be sold or dispensed only to a permitted
milk hauler or to a processing facility at which the processing of milk is
permitted, graded, or regulated by a local, State, or federal agency.
   (b) The Board of Agriculture may adopt rules to provide exceptions for dispensing raw
milk and raw milk products for nonhuman consumption. Any raw milk or raw milk product
dispensed as animal feed shall include on its label the statement "NOT FOR HUMAN
CONSUMPTION" in letters at least one-half inch in height. Any raw milk or raw milk product
dispensed as animal feed shall also include on its label the statement "IT IS NOT LEGAL TO
SELL RAW MILK FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION IN NORTH CAROLINA." This labeling
requirement does not apply to raw milk or raw milk products dispensed for personal use or
consumption to the independent or partial owner of a cow, goat, or other lactating animal.
   (c) As used in this section, the term "sale" or "sold" means any transaction that involves
the transfer or dispensing of milk and milk products or the right to acquire milk and milk products
through barter or contractual arrangement or in exchange for any other form of compensation.
The term "sale" or "sold" does not include the transfer or dispensing of raw milk or raw milk
products to, or the right to acquire raw milk or raw milk products by, the independent or partial
owner of a cow, goat, or other lactating animal.
   (d) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the dispensing of raw milk or raw milk products
for personal use or consumption by, an independent or partial owner of a cow, goat, or other lactating
animal. (1983, c. 891, s. 2; 2004-195, s. 6.2; 2008-88, s. 2; 2011-145, s. 13.3(l), (r); 2018-113, s.
15.2(a).)