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Provides a sales tax exemption on tickets or admissions to performances or events held by a nonprofit agricultural heritage organization provided that the following conditions are met:

- the nonprofit organization has premises of at least 115 acres and is organized to educate the public about rural history and farms in Minnesota;
- the event is sponsored and conducted exclusively by volunteers, employees, and board members of the nonprofit organization; and
- the performance or event is consistent with the nonprofit's tax-exempt purpose.

For example, admission to a historical play or reenactment related to farm life in the 1880s would qualify for the exemption; the registration fee for a 5K fun run would not. The provision is not limited to events held on the premises of the organization.

Based on a Department of Revenue estimate for the same language in 2014, the only organization that would qualify for the exemption is FarmAmerica.

Effective retroactively for sales and purchases made after December 31, 2007.