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Deadline for Farmers' Gasoline Tax Refund Claims Set March 31

Montgomery, Dec. 21, 1998—March 31 is the deadline for Alabama farmers to file their state gasoline tax refund claims with the Alabama Department of Revenue, according to Commissioner of Revenue H.E. "Gene" Monroe Jr.

"The refund claims are based on portions of the state excise tax paid by farmers on gasoline used during 1998 for agricultural purposes. The portion of the gasoline tax that can be refunded applies **only** to the amount of gasoline that is used in tractors or any auxiliary engines which may be attached to tractors. Gasoline used in farm trucks is not subject to a refund. We encourage those farmers who qualify for such a refund to submit their refund claims as soon as possible. The refund claim must be postmarked no later than March 31, 1999," Monroe explained.

Taxes on gasoline purchased from Jan. 1, 1998, through Dec. 31, 1998, will be refunded at the rate of 15 cents per gallon. The refund applies to the tax levied upon gasoline only; it does not apply to any tax levied upon diesel fuel.

Any individual qualifying for a refund who has not received a 1998 claim form may obtain one by writing to the following address: Alabama Department of Revenue, Sales, Use and Business Tax Division, Motor Fuels Section, Post Office Box 327540, Montgomery, AL 36132-7540, or telephone (334) 242-9608.

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Locally, forms are available at all county extension agent offices and all Alabama Department of Revenue Taxpayer Service Centers. Call or visit the nearest service center listed below:

Service Center Location	Address	Telephone
Auburn/Opelika 9549	3300 Skyway Drive	(334) 887-
Birmingham 6387	2024 3rd Avenue, North	(205) 323-
Decatur 2932	1403-A Beltline Rd., S.W.	(256) 353-
Dothan	344 North Oates Street	(334) 793-5803
Gadsden 0554	235 College Street	(256) 547-
Huntsville 1082	994 Explorer Blvd.	(256) 922-
Mobile	857 Downtowner Blvd., Suite I	(334) 344-4737
Montgomery 2677	1021 Madison Avenue	(334) 242-
Muscle Shoals	2909 Wilson Dam Hwy.	(256) 383-4631
Tuscaloosa	518 19th Avenue	(205) 759-2571

Last year, the Department of Revenue processed 198 claims, resulting in \$41,820.21 being refunded to farmers for portions of gasoline taxes paid by them and used only for agricultural purposes in their tractors and other applicable farming equipment.