



Food Processor Licensing Guide

The Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA) is devoted to the total support of agriculture in Kansas. While we must fulfill our statutory obligations, the department is dedicated to providing support and assistance to make Kansas farms, ranches and agribusinesses successful and help them grow if that is their desire. We also encourage more farms, ranches and other agriculture businesses to expand in or relocate to Kansas. This checklist will help guide you through various resources and requirements for opening and operating a typical Kansas food processor. In addition to license requirements by KDA, other Kansas agencies, as well as local or federal government agencies, may have regulatory requirements to follow. Contact your local planning authority to ensure you follow all local business development laws, rules, regulations and guidelines. This guide is designed to assist you as you work to build and operate a successful food processor in Kansas.

✓	Department	Description	Renewal
	Office of the Secretary of State https://sos.ks.gov/	Complete the appropriate business entity filings and forms required by the Kansas Secretary of State. Call (785) 296-4564 for more information.	Prior to starting
	Department of Revenue www.ksrevenue.org	Visit the Department of Revenue website to find important business tax information . Call (785) 368-8222 for more information.	Prior to starting
	U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) www.fda.gov	Owners, operators or agents in charge of domestic or foreign facilities that manufacture, process, pack or hold food for consumption in the United States are required to register the facility with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Log in and create an account to register a food facility . Additionally, firms that produce acidified foods or low-acid canned foods must file their processes with the FDA.	Prior to starting
	Department of Agriculture — Food Safety and Lodging www.agriculture.ks.gov	Complete the Food Processing License application if food will be provided for further distribution. To learn more about starting a food business , contact the Food Safety and Lodging Program at (785) 564-6767 or KDA.FSL@ks.gov .	Prior to opening, Annual renewal March 31
	Department of Agriculture — Meat and Poultry www.agriculture.ks.gov	If wholesale meat processing is part of your processing company, visit the Meat and Poultry Inspection Registration webpage. The New Facility Handbook provides guidance for the regulatory requirements of sanitation and the design and construction of meat and poultry slaughter and processing plants. The handbook consists of information such as recommended building standards, registration requirements and HACCP consultants. For more information, visit the Meat and Poultry Inspection Program webpage or call (785) 564-6776.	Prior to starting, Annual renewal, January 1
	Department of Agriculture — Weights and Measures www.agriculture.ks.gov	No license is needed from Weights and Measures. Any business with a weighing or measuring device (e.g. scales, fertilizer meters, oil meters, measuring tapes, electric car chargers, taxi meters, etc.) must hire a licensed service company to inspect and test devices once annually, and any time additional maintenance, repairs, adjustments and calibrations are made throughout the year if the devices are used to determine the cost of any transaction. Examples include scales at grocery stores, yogurt shops, restaurants, hardware stores, nurseries, seed dealers, etc. Examples of meters include meters used at a car service center to add oil to your engine, fertilizer meters at agronomy centers, water meters in grocery stores for sale of bottled water, etc. For more information, visit the Weights and Measures Program webpage or call (785) 564-6681.	Annual service



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	Department of Health and Environment — Bureau of Waste Management www.kdheks.gov	Facilities producing specialized organic waste may compost or apply this material to the land. Composting facilities less than one-half acre must register with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and facilities greater than one-half acre must obtain a permit . An application for approval must be obtained to apply organic waste to land. For more information, review the KDHE Solid Waste webpage or call (785) 296-2751.	Prior to composting or land application

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This guide is for informational purposes only. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of requirements for operating a Kansas agribusiness entity. Please contact the appropriate agencies or organizations for specific requirements applicable to your business.