

Dairy Farm 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 dairy farm. 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 dairy farm in Kansas.

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	Office of the Secretary of State sos.ks.gov	Complete the appropriate business entity Licenses and Permits required by the Kansas Secretary of State.	Prior to starting
	Department of Revenue www.ksrevenue.gov	Visit the Kansas Department of Revenue website to find important business tax information . Call 785-368-8222 for more information.	Prior to starting
	Department of Agriculture — Dairy and Feed Safety www.agriculture.ks.gov	All dairy farms, milk processors and milk distributors must be licensed. An initial application form must be filled out prior to becoming licensed. An application for a dairy producer farm permit is included in the Grade A Producer Information Packet . Detailed plans of the milking facility and cattle housing areas must be submitted to KDA for approval. Contact the KDA Dairy and Feed Safety Program for a complete list of applicable licensing requirements at 785-564-6761.	Prior to starting — Valid until a change in ownership
	Department of Agriculture — Division of Animal Health www.agriculture.ks.gov	Operations with a one-time capacity of more than 1,000 head must complete a Confinement Facility License application. For a multiple herd source dairy genetic sale or any other occasional sale of livestock, complete the Occasional Sales Application . Interstate shipment of dairy cattle requires official identification of all animals, regardless of sex or age, and a certificate of veterinary inspection or other documentation. Sexually intact dairy cattle over 6 months of age imported into Kansas must have a negative tuberculosis test conducted within 60 days prior to movement into Kansas. Consult the KDA Division of Animal Health Import and Export Regulations for a complete list of requirements or call 785-564-6601. Before exporting livestock from Kansas, contact the state of destination for their livestock import requirements. For a list of each state's cattle import requirements, visit www.interstatelivestock.com . For more information, visit the KDA Division of Animal Health webpage or call 785-564-6601.	Prior to October 1 — Prior to shipment of livestock
	Department of Agriculture — Division of Water Resources www.agriculture.ks.gov	The state of Kansas requires a permit for water used for stockwatering. Stockwatering is the watering of livestock and other uses of water directly related to the operation of a feedlot with the capacity to confine 1,000 or more head of cattle, or any other confined livestock operation that would divert 15 or more acre-feet (4.88 million gallons of water) per calendar year. Any group of feedlots or confined feeding operations may be considered a single operation if there are common feeding or other physical facilities, and the group of facilities is under common management. Review the Kansas Water Law Basics . Visit the Water Appropriation Forms webpage and complete the Application for Permit to Appropriate Water for Beneficial Use and the Stockwater Use Supplemental Sheet . For more information, visit the KDA Division of Water Resources webpage or call 785-564-6640.	Yearly report of water use, March 1
	Department of Agriculture — Pesticide and Fertilizer www.agriculture.ks.gov	If the dairy will apply effluent to crops by blending effluent with fresh water through an irrigation system, a Chemigation User's Permit will be required. Visit the KDA Chemigation webpage for additional requirements or call 785-564-6688.	Prior to chemigating Annual renewal January 1

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	Department of Agriculture — Weights and Measures www.agriculture.ks.gov	No license is needed from the KDA Weights and Measures Program. Any business with a weighing or measuring device (e.g., scales, wholesale fuel meters, fertilizer meters, oil meters, grain moisture meters, electric car chargers, milk meters, etc.) must hire a licensed service company to place the device in service with the Kansas Department of Agriculture before the device may be used in commercial transactions. The businesses must hire a licensed service company to inspect and test the commercial 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, restaurants, hardware stores, nurseries, seed dealers, etc. Examples of meters include meters to dispense propane, vehicle mounted meters for fuel delivery, fertilizer meters at agronomy centers, water meters in grocery stores for sale of bottled water, etc. For more information, visit the KDA Weights and Measures Program webpage or call 785-564-6681.	Annual service
	Department of Health and Environment — Bureau of Environmental Field Services, Livestock Waste Management Section www.kdheks.gov	Any facility that confines 300 animal units or more or has a daily discharge must register with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Animal units can be calculated on the registration form. The need for additional permits and nutrient management plans will be determined based upon the number of animal units and pollution potential. Additional requirements may exist if a facility of any size is considering composting. For more information, contact KDHE Livestock Waste Management webpage at 785-296-6432.	Prior to construction
	Department of Health and Environment — Bureau of Water, Industrial Programs Section www.kdheks.gov	An NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit is required only if one or more acres are disturbed during construction. The permit is required prior to the start of soil disturbing activities (construction). For more information, visit the KDHE Industrial Programs website or call 785-296-5549.	Prior to construction
	Department of Health and Environment — Bureau of Water, Municipal Permitting & Engineering Unit www.kdheks.gov www.kdhe.ks.gov/LEPP	If the facility will employ an on-site wastewater treatment system for human wastewater rather than utilize a municipal sanitary sewer for handling and disposal of sewage from the facility, contact the KDHE Municipal Permitting & Engineering Unit at 785-296-5528 for domestic wastewater permitting requirements.	Prior to construction
	Department of Health and Environment — Bureau of Water, Public Water Supply Section and Geology & Well Technology Unit www.kdheks.gov	If the facility will not utilize a municipal public water supply or rural water supply as the source of drinking water and the facility will serve 25 people or more per day, 60 or more days per year, it will be considered a public water supply subject to state/federal drinking water requirements. Contact the KDHE Public Water Supply Section at 785-296-5514. Water wells shall be constructed by Kansas-licensed water well contractors. There are special construction requirements for water wells serving public water supplies. For more information, contact the KDHE Geology & Well Technology Unit at 785-296-7265.	Prior to construction
	Department of Health and Environment — Bureau of Environmental Remediation, Storage Tank Section www.kdheks.gov	Entities operating their own fuel tanks may be required to register with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Review information about aboveground storage tanks (AST) and underground storage tanks (UST). Review the KDHE Storage Tank Section website for further information, or call 785-296-1678 for permitting information. The Kansas Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP) has AST program highlights and registration requirements in addition to assistance with UST inventory control.	Prior to installing tanks Annual renewal August 1



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	Department of Health and Environment — Bureau of Air www.kdheks.gov	Gasoline dispensing facilities are subject to federal air regulation. A guidance document is available to assist in determining regulatory requirements. Refer to the Standard Construction Permit/Approval for Gasoline Dispensing Facilities if applicable. For more information, review the KDHE Bureau of Air website or call 785-296-6024.	Prior to dispensing fuel
	Department of Wildlife and Parks www.ksoutdoors.com	Projects that involve public funds or government assistance, require another state or federal permit, or potentially affect a current listed species or its critical habitat need an ecological review . Contact the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) Ecological Services at 620-672-0720 for more information. Early engagement (before project site selection) with KDWP can reduce regulatory concerns.	Prior to construction

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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.