

The Kansas Department of Agriculture 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 work each day to encourage more farms, ranches and other agriculture business 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 microdistillery. 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 make it easier for you as you work to build and operate a successful microdistillery in Kansas.

✓	Department	Description	Renewal
	Office of the Secretary of State www.kssos.org	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 including liquor enforcement tax information. Call 785-368-8222 for more information.	Prior to starting
	Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) firemarshal.ks.gov	OSFM may need to approve the building for Life Safety Compliance. To determine all requirements, call 785-296-3401 and ask for the Prevention Division.	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 distribute, manufacture, process, pack or hold food for consumption, including alcoholic beverages, in the United States are required to register the facility with the FDA. Log in and create an account to register a food facility .	Prior to starting
	Department of Agriculture — Food Safety and Lodging http://agriculture.ks.gov	Complete the Food Processing or Storage Application . Contact the Food Safety and Lodging Program at 785-564-6767 or kda.fsl@ks.gov for more information.	Prior to opening, April 1
	Department of Agriculture — Weights and Measures http://agriculture.ks.gov	No license is needed from Weights and Measures, but microdistillery with weighing or measuring devices must hire a licensed service company to place the devices into service and test once annually if the weighing or measuring devices are utilized for any commercial transaction. Visit the Weights and Measures website for more information, or call 785-564-6681.	Annual service
	Kansas Department of Revenue — Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) www.ksrevenue.org	Microdistilleries should consult the Microdistillery License webpage for information and application forms or apply online . Review the Handbook for Microdistilleries and Microdistillery Activities and Applicable Taxes flowchart for microdistillery-specific information. For more information, contact ABC at 785-296-7015.	Prior to opening, biannual renewal
	U.S. Department of the Treasury — Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) www.treasury.gov	Microdistilleries should complete the Application for Basic Permit . Complete the Alcohol Dealer Registration prior to application with the Kansas Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control. Consult the TTB website for more information and requirements, or to apply online .	Prior to opening, July 1 if change in business

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	Department of Agriculture — Dairy and Feed Safety Program http://agriculture.ks.gov	The sale of commercial feed in Kansas requires a commercial license for each manufacturing facility located in the state. An exemption exists for distiller’s wet grains consisting of more than 60% water. Review the applicable program documents here . For more information, contact the Dairy and Feed Safety Program at 785-564-6700.	Prior to the sale of feed
	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 KDHE, and facilities greater than one-half acre must obtain a permit . A permit must also 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
	Department of Health and Environment — Bureau of Water, Industrial Program Section www.kdheks.gov	<p>NPDES Industrial Stormwater Permit is required for the operation of the facility and must be obtained prior to the start of operation. In lieu of this permit, the operator can obtain a No Exposure Waiver if waiver requirements are met. Call 785-296-4347 for more information.</p> <p>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 contact, 785-296-5549.</p> <p>Any on-site water pollution control system will have to be permitted. Permit has to be issued prior to the start of construction. If wastewater will be directed to a municipal wastewater collection and treatment system for treatment and disposal, approval for use of the municipal system along with any permits need to be secured from the municipality. Call 785-296-5551 for more information.</p>	Prior to construction

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Helpful Business Development Resources

The following listed resources are provided as a service to Kansas businesses. These resources will assist business owners in obtaining useful tools for starting a Kansas business, marketing agricultural products, and developing a skilled workforce, among others.

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<p>Agribusiness Development, Domestic & International</p> <p>http://agriculture.ks.gov</p>	<p>The agribusiness development team works to grow the Kansas agriculture industry and economy by connecting people, working through regulatory requirements, as well as navigating support and incentive options for Kansas agribusinesses. The team handles both domestic and international business-related activities. For domestic questions, contact Lynne Hinrichsen, Agribusiness Development Director, at Lynne.Hinrichsen@ks.gov or 785-250-6429. If your business has questions on importing/exporting, contact Suzanne Ryan-Numrich, International Trade Director, at Suzanne.Numrich@ks.gov or 785-564-6704.</p>
<p>From the Land of Kansas Program</p> <p>www.fromthelandofkansas.com</p>	<p><i>From the Land of Kansas</i> is a voluntary trademark program that helps promote and identify Kansas agricultural products to consumers. Register the business for membership with <i>From the Land of Kansas</i>. For more information contact Janelle Dobbins, From the Land of Kansas Specialist, at Janelle.Dobbins@ks.gov or call 785-564-6759.</p>
<p>Agricultural Workforce Development</p> <p>http://agriculture.ks.gov</p>	<p>KDA's Workforce Development can connect you with secondary and post secondary resources to find skilled employees and/or assist in developing a training program to fit your needs. For more information, contact Russell Plaschka, Ag Career & Workforce Development Specialist, at Russell.Plaschka@ks.gov or (785) 564-7466.</p>

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<p>KANSASWORKS</p> <p>www.kansasworks.com</p>	<p>KANSASWORKS is a free, web-based resource connecting employers with skilled employees and training providers. Call 877-509-6757 for more information on how to utilize the KANSASWORKS services for filling your employment needs.</p>
<p>Rural Opportunity Zones</p> <p>http://kansascommerce.gov</p>	<p>The Rural Opportunity Zone program is a state program authorizing financial incentives to new full-time residents in Kansas. The two types of assistance include Kansas income tax waivers for up to five years, and/or student loan repayments up to \$15,000. For more information, please contact the Kansas Department of Commerce at 785-296-3481.</p>

Other Resources

<p>Network Kansas</p> <p>http://www.networkkansas.com/</p>	<p>Network Kansas provides a central portal that connects entrepreneurs and small business owners with the appropriate resources when they are needed most. Network Kansas works with both new and existing businesses. Call 877-521-8600 for more details.</p>
<p>Kansas Small Business Development Center (KSBDK)</p> <p>http://www.kansassbdc.net/</p>	<p>The KSBDK is a network of service centers located throughout Kansas offering business consulting to small businesses. Call 800-452-6727 for more information.</p>
<p>Kansas Business Center</p> <p>http://www.kansas.gov/businesscenter/</p>	<p>The Kansas Business Center is a resource for information, filings and personal assistance to start or maintain a Kansas business. Call 877-521-8600 for more details.</p>

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<p>K-State Research and Extension www.ksre.ks.edu</p>	<p>K-State Research and Extension is a statewide network of educators sharing unbiased, research-based information and expertise on issues important to Kansas. It has established local, state, regional, national and international partnerships. It is dedicated to a safe, sustainable, competitive food and fiber system and to strong, healthy communities, families, and youth through integrated research, analysis and education. For more information, please call 785-532-5820.</p>
<p>K-State Research and Extension, Kansas Value Added Foods Lab and K-State Food Science Institute, Meat Science Facility</p>	<p>The Kansas Value Added Foods Lab offers food-related businesses, processors and entrepreneurs technical assistance and product development expertise. For the full list of services and pricing refer to the Fees and Information (Kansas only). Call 785-532-1668 for more information, or email kvaf1@ksu.edu.</p> <p>The Meat Science Facility provides meat processors and entrepreneurs an opportunity to use a state-of-the-art meat science research and teaching complex. Laboratories include the Meat Lab, the Sensory Lab, the Color Lab, the Meat Chemistry Lab, and the Post-Processing Pasteurization Lab. For more information, call 85-532-1279.</p>
<p>USDA Rural Development www.rd.usda.gov</p>	<p>USDA's Rural Development program offers loans, grants and loan guarantees to support services such as housing, economic development, health care, first responder services and equipment, water, electric and communications infrastructure.</p>
<p>USDA New Farmers newfarmers.usda.gov</p>	<p>USDA's New Farmers program assists farmers in finding resources customized to their specific type of farm. Subcategories are focused on young and beginning farmers, women in agriculture, youth and veterans.</p>

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