



## KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE DIVISIONS & PROGRAMS

The Kansas Department of Agriculture is the state agency devoted to the total support of agriculture in Kansas. The department works for the entire Kansas agriculture sector and is committed to a balanced approach of:

- Serving Kansas farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses and the consumers/customers they serve;
- Providing an environment that enhances and encourages economic growth of the agriculture industry and the Kansas economy; and
- Advocating for and promoting the agriculture industry, the state's largest industry, employer and economic contributor; while
- Helping to ensure a safe food supply, protecting natural resources, promoting public health and safety, protecting animal health, and providing consumer protection to the best of our ability.

Within these roles, the KDA also fulfills its statutory responsibility of regulating business functions in accordance with state law. The department works to ensure businesses know what laws affect them and how they can ensure they are in compliance with those laws.

### **AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS SERVICES**

***Agricultural Laboratory*** - The Agricultural Laboratory provides credible and defensible analytical results in support of the agency programs that carry out KDA's consumer and environmental protection missions.

***Dairy & Feed Safety*** - The core function of the Dairy Inspection program is to regulate the production, transportation, processing and distribution of milk and dairy products from cow to consumer. Dairy inspection staff enforces Kansas dairy laws as well as the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Grade A Pasteurized Milk Ordinance, which is adopted by reference in Kansas. The Feed Safety Program is also a responsibility of the staff, ensuring the quality of all commercial feed products manufactured, sold or distributed in Kansas. The feed program's major objectives are to safeguard both human and animal health, promote safe and effective nutrition of livestock and pets, and to verify and ensure truth in labeling of commercial feed products.

***Food Safety & Lodging*** - The Food Safety and Lodging program is responsible for food safety involving eggs and for inspections at grocery stores, restaurants in grocery stores, convenience stores, restaurants, schools, senior meal sites, mobile food units, lodging facilities, food wholesalers and warehouses, food processors and food manufacturers.

***Grain Warehouse*** - The Grain Warehouse Inspection program administers and enforces the Kansas Public Warehouse Law relating to grain storage. It ensures that Kansas grain producers have safe, solvent warehouses where they may store their commodities. To achieve this, the program examines state-licensed facilities at least once each year.

***Meat & Poultry*** - The Kansas Meat and Poultry Inspection program is a cooperative state-federal program responsible for administering the Kansas Meat and Poultry Inspection Act that governs the wholesomeness, proper labeling and deceptive advertising of meat and poultry products. The program inspects and registers commercial and custom slaughter facilities and meat and poultry processing facilities in Kansas.

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***Plant Protection & Weed Control*** - Plant Protection and Weed Control staff work to ensure the health of the state's native and cultivated plants by excluding or controlling destructive pests, diseases and weeds. Staff examine and analyze pest conditions in crop fields, rangelands, greenhouses and nurseries. Action taken to control potential infestations of new pests, whether they are insects, plants diseases or weeds, is beneficial to the economy and the environment. The staff is also responsible for seed inspection, which assures farmers and consumers that the seed labeled is what they are purchasing.

***Pesticide & Fertilizer*** - The Pesticide and Fertilizer program works to ensure compliance with Kansas statutes and regulations governing products that are used to control pests or to enhance plant growth. The program strives to achieve its mission through compliance assistance and outreach education; complaint investigation; and monitoring inspections.

***Weights & Measures*** - The Weights and Measures program serves a very important role in consumer protection and facilitating trade. Weights and measures inspectors test all kinds of commercial weighing and measuring devices. They test scales used in grocery stores, grain elevators, livestock sale barns, pawn shops and other locations. They test gas pumps and meters used to sell chemicals or to sell propane to home owners. They check packages containing edible and inedible products to ensure that the consumer receives the quantity stated on the label. They even verify that in-store scanners scan the correct price. Essentially, all consumer goods are subject, in one way or another, to the weights and measures law.

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## **DIVISION OF ANIMAL HEALTH**

The Division of Animal Health was created in 1969 by consolidating all of the activities of: the Livestock Sanitary Commission and the State Brand Commission. It is divided into three programs, disease control, animal facilities inspection and brands. It also includes the Board of Veterinary Examiners.

One of the agency's goals is to eradicate infectious and contagious livestock diseases throughout the state through ***Animal Disease Control***. Department veterinarians are responsible for testing programs and epidemiology of disease outbreaks. They also inspect feedlots, livestock markets and disposal plants, and assist office staff with disease trace-backs. Office staff gathers and maintains records on calfhood vaccinations, herd records, test results, import and export requirements, among other duties.

The ***Animal Facilities Inspection Program*** regulates companion animal facilities required to be licensed under the provisions of the Kansas Pet Animal Act. The Act requires licensing and inspection of all dog and cat breeders who produce, offer or sell three or more litters during the state fiscal year, pounds and shelters, pet shops, research facilities, distributors, out-of-state distributors, boarding facilities, animal rescues and foster homes.

The ***Brands Program*** maintains a brand registry of more than 17,000 brands and assists with the market brand inspection program. A special investigator assists local law enforcement with lost, stray and stolen livestock, coordinating investigations between agencies and victims.

## DIVISION OF CONSERVATION

The Division of Conservation works with the 105 local conservation districts, 88 organized watershed districts, other special purpose districts, and state and federal entities administer programs to improve water quality, reduce soil erosion, conserve water, reduce flood potential and provide local water supply. The Division of Conservation has the responsibility to administer the Conservation Districts Law, the Watershed District Act and other statutes authorizing various programs.

## DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE MARKETING

The Division of Marketing serves all Kansans through innovative programming and delivering solutions designed to create an environment that facilitates growth and expansion in agriculture while increasing pride in and awareness of the state's largest industry - agriculture. The marketing team's goals are to:

- Retain and serve current farms, ranches and agribusinesses in Kansas;
- Grow current farms, ranches and agribusiness in Kansas;
- Expand the Kansas agriculture industry;
- Assist in maintaining/growing rural Kansas communities;
- Raise awareness of agriculture; and
- Create appreciation for agriculture

The ***Agribusiness Development Team*** works with farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses in Kansas to conduct business; whether with a complete relocation or expansion of an additional location. The team connects people, works through regulatory requirements, navigates support and incentive options for interested parties and creates business plans which promote and benefit Kansas agribusinesses. KDA is also focused on workforce development efforts in agriculture and works with the Kansas State Department of Education to support technical education in high schools.

The ***International Marketing Program*** assists Kansas farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses market their products and services overseas in a variety of ways:

- Assist with overall, international marketing strategies and plans;
- Assist with market research and understanding of export/import protocols and regulations;
- Host foreign buying teams;
- Lead industry-specific trade missions, both to trade shows and exhibitions as well as directly to buyers;
- Work with Kansas State University's Value-Added Foods Lab to prepare products for export – recipe reformulation, label/package modification, ingredient modification, etc.;
- Work with Kansas State University's International Grains Program; and
- Membership in national and international trade associations that give Kansas farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses access to a variety of programs and services

Through ***Advocacy***, KDA works with a variety of Kansas agricultural organization to advocate for agriculture and educate youth and adults about the diversity and importance of Kansas agriculture through activities and events such as Kansas Ag Month and the Kansas State Fair.

The ***From the Land of Kansas*** program is the state's agricultural trademark program. The program's goal is to help businesses that grow, produce, process or manufacture products in Kansas. In addition, the program works with and supports restaurants using Kansas products and retailers selling Kansas agriculture products and ingredients. The program is also the Central Registration for Kansas farmers' markets.

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## **DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES**

The Division of Water Resources administers 30 laws related to Kansas' water resources, chiefly the Kansas Water Appropriation Act which governs how water is allocated and used; statutes regulating the construction of dams, levees and other changes to streams; the state's four interstate river compacts; Kansas' Groundwater Management District Act; as well as coordinating the national flood insurance program in Kansas.

The ***Water Appropriation Program*** administers the Kansas Water Appropriation Act and rules and regulations pertaining to the management and use of Kansas' water resources. This program issues permits to appropriate water, regulates water use and maintains records of all water rights in the state.

***Water Management Services*** provides administrative, technical and decision support to all KDA water resource programs. The program works to maintain and protect the integrity of water rights by administering the authoritative database of water rights and water use information, using state-of-the-art hydrologic modeling and analysis techniques to develop and evaluate management strategies, administering statutorily defined minimum desirable streamflows, investigating complaints of groundwater right impairment, and defending Kansas' rights under four interstate water compacts among other duties.

The ***Water Structures Program*** regulates dams, stream modifications, levees and floodplain fills for the protection of life, property and public safety; and provides technical assistance to local communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program. Program staff interact daily with landowners and local government agencies to issue water structure permits and provide the technical work and design required to obtain a permit.

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## **OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

The Office of the Secretary is comprised of the agency's executive team and facilitates all administrative services for the department, including support for agricultural statistics, communications, compliance education, economics and emergency management.

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

Administrative service departments such as accounts receivable and licensing, fiscal, human resources, information technology and legal support every KDA division or program.

For more information about KDA and to learn more about its divisions and programs, please visit:

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