



# 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 <a href="http://www.kssos.org">www.kssos.org</a>	Complete the appropriate business entity <a href="#">filings and forms</a> required by the Kansas Secretary of State. Call (785) 296-4564 for more information.	Prior to starting
	Department of Revenue <a href="http://www.ksrevenue.org">www.ksrevenue.org</a>	Visit the Department of Revenue website to find important <a href="#">business tax information</a> . Call (785) 368-8222 for more information.	Prior to starting
	U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) <a href="http://www.fda.gov">www.fda.gov</a>	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 <a href="#">register a food facility</a> .  Additionally, firms that produce acidified foods or low-acid canned foods must <a href="#">file their processes</a> with the FDA.	Prior to starting
	Department of Agriculture — Food Safety and Lodging <a href="http://www.agriculture.ks.gov">www.agriculture.ks.gov</a>	Complete the <a href="#">Food Processing License</a> application if food will be provided for further distribution. To learn more about <a href="#">starting a food business</a> , contact the <a href="#">Food Safety and Lodging Program</a> at (785) 564-6767 or <a href="mailto:KDA.FSL@ks.gov">KDA.FSL@ks.gov</a> .	Prior to opening,  Annual renewal March 31
	Department of Agriculture — Meat and Poultry <a href="http://www.agriculture.ks.gov">www.agriculture.ks.gov</a>	If wholesale meat processing is part of your processing company, visit the <a href="#">Meat and Poultry Inspection Registration</a> webpage. The <a href="#">New Facility Handbook</a> 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 <a href="#">Meat and Poultry Inspection Program</a> webpage or call (785) 564-6776.	Prior to starting,  Annual renewal, January 1
	Department of Agriculture — Weights and Measures <a href="http://www.agriculture.ks.gov">www.agriculture.ks.gov</a>	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 <a href="#">licensed service company</a> 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 <a href="#">Weights and Measures Program</a> webpage or call (785) 564-6681.	Annual service



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	Department of Health and Environment — Bureau of Waste Management  <a href="http://www.kdheks.gov">www.kdheks.gov</a>	Facilities producing specialized organic waste may compost or apply this material to the land. Composting facilities less than one-half acre must <a href="#">register</a> with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and facilities greater than one-half acre must obtain a <a href="#">permit</a> . An <a href="#">application for approval</a> must be obtained to apply organic waste to land. For more information, review the <a href="#">KDHE Solid Waste</a> 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.*

# 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.

## Kansas Department of Agriculture

<p>Agribusiness Development, Domestic &amp; International</p> <p><a href="http://www.agriculture.ks.gov">www.agriculture.ks.gov</a></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 Russell Plaschka, Agribusiness Development and Workforce Program Manager, at <a href="mailto:Russell.Plaschka@ks.gov">Russell.Plaschka@ks.gov</a> or (785) 564-7466. If your business has questions on importing or exporting, contact Suzanne Ryan-Numrich, International Trade Director, at <a href="mailto:Suzanne.Numrich@ks.gov">Suzanne.Numrich@ks.gov</a> or (785) 564-6704.</p>
<p>From the Land of Kansas Program</p> <p><a href="http://www.fromthelandofkansas.com">www.fromthelandofkansas.com</a></p>	<p>The <i>From the Land of Kansas</i><sup>™</sup> trademark 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 products and ingredients. The trademark program helps members promote their Kansas products and provides members with a variety of business development tips and opportunities, including marketing assistance. In addition, the state trademark provides a consistent way to identify Kansas agriculture-based products.</p> <p><a href="#">Register</a> your business for membership with <i>From the Land of Kansas</i>. For more information, contact Janelle Dobbins, <i>From the Land of Kansas</i> Marketing Manager, at <a href="mailto:Janelle.Dobbins@ks.gov">Janelle.Dobbins@ks.gov</a> or call (785) 564-6759.</p>
<p>Agricultural Workforce Development</p> <p><a href="http://www.agriculture.ks.gov">www.agriculture.ks.gov</a></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, Agribusiness Development and Workforce Program Manager, at <a href="mailto:Russell.Plaschka@ks.gov">Russell.Plaschka@ks.gov</a> or (785) 564-7466.</p>

## Kansas Department of Commerce

<p>KANSASWORKS</p> <p><a href="http://www.kansasworks.com">www.kansasworks.com</a></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><a href="http://www.kansascommerce.gov">www.kansascommerce.gov</a></p>	<p>The <a href="#">Rural Opportunity Zone</a> 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><a href="http://www.networkkansas.com">www.networkkansas.com</a></p>	<p>Network Kansas works with new and existing businesses to provide a central portal that connects entrepreneurs and small business owners with expertise, education and economic resources. The KSESHIP mobile application, available on iOS, is designed to provide simplified access to resources through connections, classes and capital resources. Call (877) 521-8600 for more details.</p>
<p>Kansas Small Business Development Center (KSBDC)</p> <p><a href="http://www.kansassbdc.net">www.kansassbdc.net</a></p>	<p>The Kansas Small Business Development Center is a network of service centers located throughout Kansas offering business consulting to small businesses. Call (800) 452-6727 for more information.</p>

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<p>Kansas Business Center</p> <p><a href="https://www.kansas.gov/businesscenter/">https://www.kansas.gov/businesscenter/</a></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>
<p>K-State Research and Extension</p> <p><a href="http://www.ksre.ksu.edu">www.ksre.ksu.edu</a></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 <a href="#">Kansas Value Added Foods Lab</a> offers food-related businesses, processors and entrepreneurs technical assistance and product development expertise. For the full list of services and prices, refer to the <a href="#">Fees and Information</a> webpage. For more information, call (785) 532-1668 or email <a href="mailto:kvafll@ksu.edu">kvafll@ksu.edu</a>.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Meat Science Facility</a> 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 (785) 532-1279.</p>
<p>USDA Rural Development</p> <p><a href="http://www.rd.usda.gov">www.rd.usda.gov</a></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</p> <p><a href="http://newfarmers.usda.gov">newfarmers.usda.gov</a></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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