KANSAS LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

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KLA Cattle Feeders Council Meeting

Thursday, November 19 | 2:30 p.m. | Manhattan, Kansas
Hilton Garden Inn | Konza Prairie ABC

AGENDA

- Welcome & Introductions
- KLA Risk Management Services, Inc. – The KLA Cattle Feeders Council meeting will serve as the official business meeting for the KLA workers' compensation pool.
- The Future of Yield Grade – Dale Woerner, Ph.D., Cargill Endowed Professor in Sustainable Meat Science at Texas Tech University, will provide an update on the latest research and technologies to advance red meat yield prediction.
- Livestock Mandatory Reporting – USDA Ag Marketing Service (AMS) staff will provide an update on new market reports.
- Legislative Update – KLA staff will preview the 2027 Kansas Legislative Session.
- KLA policy review – All 2024 resolutions will expire without action. This also is the appropriate time to add, amend or delete any KLA policy. The 2025 and 2026 resolutions will remain as KLA policy unless changes are approved.
- CFC nominating committee report – The CFC nominating committee will provide their report. CFC members will have the opportunity to elect next year's executive committee members.
- Cattle Feeders Social – Join us following the meeting for a social and opportunity to visit with your neighbors.

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8. CATTLE MARKETING (2024)

WHEREAS, livestock buyers and sellers continue to seek out innovative and efficient marketing methods, and

WHEREAS, the beef cattle industry has moved toward the production of a more consistent, higher-quality beef product in order to recapture market share.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports industry participant-led changes to the current marketing system that improve the value discovery process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association shall continue to guard its members' freedom of choice to conduct their own business and utilize their own marketing program as they see fit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association opposes lawsuits, petitions, or other legal proceedings that jeopardize trade relations with countries such as Canada and Mexico**.**

9. LIVESTOCK PRICE REPORTING (2026)

WHEREAS, cattle marketing methods continue to evolve, making meaningful price reporting a challenge.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports a transparent price reporting system that allows the livestock industry to understand the price paid for cattle.

10. FUTURES MARKETS (2026)

WHEREAS, the commodity futures markets provide a vital and necessary risk management tool for the livestock industry, and

WHEREAS, additional research, study and industry agreement is needed before making wholesale changes to the CME live cattle contract, including movement to a cash settlement process.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports physical delivery, including feedyards as delivery points, as the preferred mechanism for settlement of the CME Live Cattle contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports viable futures exchanges to facilitate effective risk management opportunities for the livestock industry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, contract specifications should match industry needs and facilitate convergence of futures prices with the cash market to ensure a useful risk management function is provided.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association will continue to monitor any pending rule or regulatory changes that may impact the ability of the futures markets to provide a meaningful risk management function.

11. STATEMENT OF OPERATING PRINCIPLES (2024)

WHEREAS, the Kansas Livestock Association believes the livestock industry is best served by the process of free enterprise and free trade, and

WHEREAS, even with its imperfections, free trade is relatively more equitable than regulated and subsidized markets that retard innovation and distort production and market signals, and

WHEREAS, regulated and subsidized markets disadvantage some producers in favor of others.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association is opposed to attempts to narrow the business options or limit the individual freedom of livestock producers to innovate in the management and marketing of their production unfettered by additional government regulations.

12. PROPOSED PSA REGULATIONS (2025)

WHEREAS, Section 11006(1) of the 2008 Farm Bill directed the Secretary of Agriculture "to establish criteria that the Secretary will consider in determining . . . whether an undue or unreasonable preference or advantage has occurred in violation of" the Packers and Stockyards Act (PSA), and

WHEREAS, the USDA Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) proposed regulations (75 Fed. Reg. 35338-35354, June 22, 2010) that exceeded this authority and, based on an outside economic analysis, would have adversely impacted the marketing of livestock, and would have overturned appellate court decisions that require parties to prove competitive harm to the marketplace, exposing the beef industry to increased litigation, and

WHEREAS, the proposed regulations likely would have resulted in increased costs for documentation and reduction of marketing opportunities available to producers and eliminated incentives for producers to invest in improved genetics, production practices, and new technologies, and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2017, USDA withdrew the proposed 2010 GIPSA regulations, and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2021, USDA finalized a PSA rulemaking directed by the 2008 Farm Bill that remained narrowly focused on the directive of section 11006 of the 2008 Farm Bill and did not impact the harm to competition requirement of the PSA, and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2021, President Joseph Biden signed the "Executive Order on Promoting Competition in the American Economy," which directed the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to issue a regulation to remove the requirement that a party "demonstrate industry-wide harm to establish a violation" of the PSA, and modify additional definitions and requirements of the PSA, and

WHEREAS, the "Executive Order on Promoting Competition in the American Economy" led to USDA proposing a series of new competition regulations that exceed USDA's authority under the PSA and are similar in scope to the 2010 GIPSA regulations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports repeal of Section 11006(1) of the 2008 Farm Bill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association opposes reintroduction of a regulation similar in substance to the 2010 GIPSA proposal, and any regulation that would remove the requirement that a party prove competitive harm to the marketplace under section 202 of the PSA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association, in the absence of repeal of Section 11006(1) of the 2008 Farm Bill, supports proposal of a regulation by USDA that does the following: (1) remains limited in scope to only the terms of Section 11006(1) of the 2008 Farm Bill; (2) adheres to appellate court decisions that require competitive harm to the marketplace; (3) allows incentives for producers to invest in improved genetics, production practices, and new technologies; and (4) is cost-neutral to the livestock industry.

13. DEALER STATUTORY TRUST (2026)

WHEREAS, there have been dozens of livestock dealer defaults, including a 2010 default that cost creditors, including producers, auction markets, and other dealers, approximately $112 million, and

WHEREAS, when such defaults occur, producers who have recently sold livestock often are not paid for the sale of their animals, and

WHEREAS, a seller's protection often is limited to a bond, which has historically compensated unpaid sellers less than fifteen cents for every dollar in losses, and

WHEREAS, legislation creating a Dealer Statutory Trust, similar to the Packer Statutory Trust, became law on December 27, 2020.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports the Dealer Statutory Trust statute that gives unpaid cash sellers first priority in livestock and the proceeds or accounts receivable from the sale of such livestock prior to other creditors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a buyer in the ordinary course of business purchasing from a dealer should continue to take clear title of livestock.

15. STATUTORY LIENS (2026)

WHEREAS, there are a number of agricultural statutory liens that have served Kansas well for decades, and

WHEREAS, under current law, livestock producers have a first and prior lien on the grazing, feeding, and care provided for livestock owned by others without having to file financing statements with the state.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports the current agricultural lien laws dealing with the feed and care provided livestock and will oppose any efforts to eliminate these liens or their priority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association will oppose amendments that would require livestock producers to file financing statements with the state in order to maintain the status of their statutory lien.

16. KANSAS AGRICULTURE MARKET REPORTS (2024)

WHEREAS, access to fair, transparent, third-party, government-generated market information is critical in determining the value of agricultural products and is an important function of state and federal government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports adequate state and federal funding for the continuation of the Kansas Hay Market Reports and Kansas Feeder Cattle Auction Reports.

17. MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS (2025)

WHEREAS, livestock producers are an important sector of the nation's economy, and

WHEREAS, the use of trucks and trailers is a necessary part of every livestock producer's operation, and

WHEREAS, additional regulatory measures create an extensive economic burden on livestock operations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports changes to statutes and regulations dealing with motor vehicle requirements to ensure the agricultural industry is not unnecessarily burdened.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports reasonable and least burdensome regulations so that they do not impede the necessary transportation of Kansas agricultural products to and from market.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports an interpretation of federal law that clarifies transporting agricultural products to and from market within the state does not constitute interstate commerce.

18. LIVESTOCK TRANSPORTATION HOURS OF SERVICE STANDARDS (2024)

WHEREAS, livestock haulers must adhere to hours of service (HOS) standards that limit drive time to 11 hours and on-duty time to 14 hours, and

WHEREAS, strict enforcement of the HOS standard is not practical and will compromise animal welfare, and

WHEREAS, significant confusion exists around mandatory electronic logging devices (ELD) and ELDs' impact on HOS for livestock haulers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, KLA supports an exemption from ELD requirements for livestock haulers while modifications to HOS requirements for livestock haulers are sought.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, KLA supports HOS changes that protect animal welfare and prevent excessive cost increases in freight.

19. IMMIGRATION (2025)

WHEREAS, the Kansas livestock industry, the largest segment of Kansas agriculture, relies on immigrant workers for a significant portion of its labor force, and

WHEREAS, Kansas agricultural businesses desire to hire a documented, legal workforce, and

WHEREAS, in the case *Arizona et al. v. U.S.*, 132 S. Ct. 2492 (2012), the U.S. Supreme Court stated: "The Government of the United States has broad, undoubted power over the subject of immigration and the status of aliens," and

WHEREAS, the duty to regulate immigration policy is the constitutional responsibility of the federal government and such authority does not lie with the states unless expressly delegated by the federal government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association opposes state government legislation that would enact more restrictive immigration policies than exist under federal law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports federal immigration policy that allows for an efficient and adequate guest worker program, and provides opportunities for foreign agricultural workers to gain year-round work authorization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association opposes tougher penalties for businesses unknowingly employing unauthorized workers and supports legislation that eliminates liability for employers who have made a good faith effort to comply with immigration laws.

20. BEEF CHECKOFF (2025)

WHEREAS, producer investment in the beef checkoff, created in the 1985 Farm Bill, has helped improve beef demand by funding important promotion, research, and education projects, and

WHEREAS, a Cornell University study determined for the period from 2019 to 2023, for every $1 invested, the checkoff returned $13.41, and

WHEREAS, a 2024 producer attitude survey confirmed 72% of producers approved of the checkoff program, and

WHEREAS, more than three decades of inflation has cut into the amount of funding the checkoff can provide for these essential programs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports an increase in the beef checkoff assessment rate for the purpose of adequately funding an effective beef demand-building program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports a strong state/national program through the Federation of State Beef Councils.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports the producer-led Beef Promotion Operating Committee making checkoff funding decisions with equal representation from the Cattlemen's Beef Board and the Federation of State Beef Councils.

22. LABELING OF IMITATION MEAT AND DAIRY PRODUCTS (2024)

WHEREAS, the development and commercialization of meat analogues, foods that approximate the aesthetic qualities, primarily texture, flavor, and appearance, or the chemical characteristics of specific types of meat, but do not contain meat or a meat food product, is occurring, and

WHEREAS, the development and commercialization of laboratory-grown meat alternatives and dairy products is imminent, and

WHEREAS, the development and commercialization of dairy analogues has occurred, and

WHEREAS, companies selling meat analogues have claimed their products are meat, despite not containing animal protein, and

WHEREAS, meat and dairy analogues are often nutritionally inferior to meat and dairy products, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) grants the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulatory authority over all meat and meat food products, and

WHEREAS, the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) grants the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulatory oversight of all non-meat and non-poultry derived food products, and

WHEREAS, both USDA and FDA are responsible for enforcing standards that labels are truthful and not misleading, and

WHEREAS, there is lackluster enforcement by the FDA against meat and dairy analogues, and

WHEREAS, the same enforcement issues could occur with laboratory-grown meats and dairy products, and

WHEREAS, the cross-use of nomenclature is confusing and misleads consumers who expect certain characteristics from meat and dairy products, and

WHEREAS, consumers should be equipped to make informed decisions when purchasing meat food products versus imitation meat products and other meat analogues, and

WHEREAS, consumers should be equipped to make informed decisions when purchasing dairy food products versus imitation dairy products and other dairy analogues.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association opposes allowing dairy analogues, meat analogues, and laboratory-grown meat and dairy products to inappropriately utilize nomenclature associated with actual meat or dairy products.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports legislative, regulatory, or judicial action to protect consumers by ensuring dairy analogues, meat analogues, and laboratory-grown meat and dairy products accurately labeled and do not inappropriately utilize nomenclature associated with actual meat or dairy products.

24. BEEF INDUSTRY LONG RANGE PLAN (2026)

WHEREAS, the vision of the Beef Industry Long Range Plan is: "The U.S. beef industry thrives as the world's most trusted and respected provider of high-quality, safe, nutritious, and sustainable protein."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports the Beef Industry Long Range Plan.

25. TRADE AGREEMENTS (2024)

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Trade Representative, the U.S. has approximately twenty bilateral trade agreements in effect and is a member of the World Trade Organization, and

WHEREAS, bilateral and multilateral trade agreements create opportunities to increase U.S. agricultural sales internationally, remove nontariff barriers to trade, eliminate tariffs, open markets, and promote economic growth in agriculture, and

WHEREAS, some countries prohibit the use of agricultural technology such as genetically modified organisms, beta agonists, and antibiotics, which science has shown to be safe and are approved for use in the United States, as a protectionist nontariff barrier to free trade, and

WHEREAS, recent trade agreements have allowed U.S. products to access or remain competitive in foreign markets.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports bilateral and multilateral trade agreements that benefit agriculture.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports protecting the use of modern agricultural technology in bilateral and multilateral trade agreements.

49. ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION (2024)

WHEREAS**,** the mission of the Kansas Livestock Association is to advance members' common business interests and enhance their ability to meet consumer demand, and

WHEREAS**,** agriculture, in particular livestock operations, are a vital part of the Kansas economy, and

WHEREAS**,** livestock operations require consistent, science-based, uniform environmental laws and regulations to maintain a favorable business environment, and

WHEREAS**,** climate change, air, and water pollution regulation is or may be proposed at state and federal levels that may impact agricultural operations including livestock operations, and

WHEREAS**,** federal and state court and administrative regulatory decisions regarding greenhouse gas emissions and air or water pollutants may directly impact livestock and agricultural operations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**,** the Kansas Livestock Association supports legislative, judicial, or administrative actions to minimize the effects of environmental laws, regulations, or judicial determinations on livestock operations and to maximize the economic opportunities for agricultural and livestock operations to meet such regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**,** the Kansas Livestock Association supports legislative, judicial, and administrative actions that allow maximum flexibility for agricultural and livestock operations to meet regulatory obligations.

50. SCIENCE-BASED TOOLS FOR SITING OF CONFINED FEEDING FACILITIES (2025)

WHEREAS**,** environmental rules at the local, state, and federal levels should not be allowed to put Kansas livestock producers at a competitive disadvantage, but Kansas has long-standing separation distance rules between confined feeding facilities and the nearest "habitable structure" that exceed similar restrictions in surrounding states, and

WHEREAS, these rules have prevented a number of confined feeding facilities from being built in Kansas.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports the use of modern, science-based tools for siting, designing, and permitting of confined feeding facilities.

57. STOCKWATER FACILITY PERMIT (2026)

WHEREAS, most stockwater rights operate as a group within the same local source of water supply, at a low volume, and a low flow rate to furnish a livestock facility with water, unlike irrigation wells that operate independently at a high volume and at a high flow rate, and

WHEREAS, due to differing levels of elevation, varying head counts, and differences in hydrologic pressure, one well at a livestock facility can tend to over-perform while other wells under-perform, which can lead to one water right in the system overpumping its authorized quantity, while the total authorized quantity of all wells in the system is far below the water rights' authorized quantity.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports a stockwater facility permit that would allow an individual water right or rights to exceed the annual authorized quantity of the individual water right or rights supplying water to a livestock facility, as long as the water use does not exceed the total annual authorized aggregate quantity of all the water rights available to the facility and does not impair a senior water right from the same local source of supply.

61. ANIMAL CARE (2024)

WHEREAS, livestock producers recognize that good animal health, care, production, and handling practices are a responsibility of producers to the animals and the consumer, and

WHEREAS, livestock producers long have been concerned with the welfare of livestock, recognizing that good animal health, care, production, and handling practices are essential to efficient and profitable production, and

WHEREAS, it is important for livestock producers to share with the public the many animal husbandry practices used every day in their operations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association recommends producers implement the Cattle Industry's Guidelines for the Care and Handling of Cattle, Beef Quality Assurance guidelines, Dairy Quality Assurance guidelines, and/or the National Dairy FARM Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association encourages the further development and participation in voluntary certification programs that validate participating producers are using best management practices for disease control and animal care.

62. HANDLING OF NON-AMBULATORY CATTLE (2025)

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of cattle handlers is a priority, and

WHEREAS, humane handling of cattle always has been a priority for Kansas livestock producers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, non-ambulatory cattle should be humanely euthanized as soon as possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports policy prohibiting the harvest of non-ambulatory cattle for human consumption.

64. PROTECTION OF AGRIBUSINESS (2024)

WHEREAS, securing the health and safety of agriculture from vandalism and other negative influences is a serious concern, and

WHEREAS, protecting our agricultural industry to allow for a stable food supply for U.S. consumers is vital and should not be taken for granted.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports new initiatives concerning acts against the livestock industry to: (1) strengthen the penalties for anyone involved in illegal biosecurity activities affecting the agricultural industry; (2) provide increased coordination of local, state and federal officials to more effectively monitor and respond to these threats; (3) give producers increased protections against false and derogatory statements that would damage or endanger a producer's livelihood, product, property or diminish livestock production practices; and (4) allow producers to secure their facilities and operations at all times.

65. ANIMAL HEALTH PRODUCTS (2024)

WHEREAS, the Kansas Livestock Association facilitates the Kansas Beef Quality Assurance educational program with Kansas State University and the Kansas Veterinary Medical Association, and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Livestock Association continues to encourage the livestock industry to follow the proper use of animal health products and feed additives.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association opposes laws and regulatory proposals that hinder the timely availability of animal health products, create costly or burdensome distribution and administration of products, and impose duplicative regulatory requirements by state and federal agencies.

70. KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DIVISION OF ANIMAL HEALTH (2026)

WHEREAS, animal agriculture is important to the Kansas economy, and

WHEREAS, maintaining a healthy animal population is important to all Kansans, and

WHEREAS, being prepared to manage any animal health situation that may arise is important to maintaining a strong economy, and

WHEREAS, having one person, the Animal Health Commissioner, charged with administering animal health programs ensures a coordinated and comprehensive response to animal disease emergencies.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports funding the Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health through the state general fund or from a broad-based fee collection system funded proportionately from all species based on their demands on Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Animal Health resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports the current structure of the Division of Animal Health where both pet animals and livestock are under the purview of the Animal Health Commissioner and opposes legislative or executive action to remove pet animals from the supervision of the Animal Health Commissioner.

71. INTERSTATE SALES OF STATE-INSPECTED MEAT (2025)

WHEREAS, there has been increased demand from U.S. consumers to purchase meat directly from the producer, and

WHEREAS, current law prohibits meat from entering interstate commerce unless processed at a USDA-inspected facility, and

WHEREAS, as of 2024, Kansas and 29 other states have adopted robust, annually audited State Meat and Poultry Inspection (MPI) Programs that operate under a cooperative agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Safety Inspection Service that meet or exceed the "at least equal to" inspection standards under the Federal Meat Inspection Act, and

WHEREAS, food safety is essential to the international meat export market.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports legislation to allow interstate sales of state-inspected meat under an MPI cooperative agreement that meets or exceeds the "at least equal to" inspection standard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports USDA maintaining recall authority over meat processed at state-inspected facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports reasonable measures to prevent meat processed at state-inspected facilities from entering export markets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association opposes unnecessary restrictions on the quantities of and the methods by which state-inspected meat may enter interstate commerce.

72. SUPPORT FOR NEW OR EXPANDING MEAT PROCESSORS (2025)

WHEREAS, a 2020 study found the beef industry could economically accommodate an additional 5,600 head of daily processing capacity, and

WHEREAS, significant barriers to entry and expansion exist.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports initiatives that contribute to new construction or expansion of meatpacking facilities to achieve and maintain necessary packing capacity levels.

73. ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION FOR DISEASE TRACEABILITY (2026)

WHEREAS, USDA's animal identification disease traceability program is limited to sexually intact cattle, more than 18 months of age, that move in interstate commerce; dairy cattle; cattle used for rodeo and recreational events; and cattle moved to shows and exhibitions, and

WHEREAS, the 2026-2030 beef industry Long Range Plan includes tactics that promote traceability, biosecurity, and science-based systems that protect animal health and welfare and reassure consumers that beef is safe.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports efforts by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and USDA to develop a mandatory national individual animal identification disease traceability system for all cattle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association believes strongly that any animal identification or disease traceability program should be designed to (1) minimize costs to producers, (2) optimize the role of the private sector to administer the program, and (3) protect the confidentiality of individual animal owner records.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports expansion and further development of U.S. CattleTrace and its interface with existing private-sector, data management, identification and traceability companies as the nationally significant solution for animal disease traceability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports limitations on animal owners' liability exposure that may arise under a private or public animal identification or disease traceability program.

77. KSU COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE, EXTENSION SERVICES, AND EXPERIMENT STATIONS (2026)

WHEREAS, agriculture is the number one industry in Kansas, and

WHEREAS, Kansas State University is one of the nation's first land grant colleges and agriculture has always been a prime area of teaching and research.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association strongly supports that the university administration, Board of Regents, and the Kansas Legislature provide funding for the College of Agriculture, College of Veterinary Medicine, experiment stations, and extension services in relationship to agriculture's importance to the Kansas economy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kansas Livestock Association supports the need for and legislative approval of a new state-of-the-art veterinary diagnostic laboratory.