

KLA is just a phone call away

TROUBLESHOOTING IS ONE OF MANY SERVICES KLA PROVIDES TO MEMBERS

A KLA/NCBA member whose membership had lapsed for a couple years was trying to login to the members-only section of www.NCBA.org using his member number as the username and zip code as the password. While that was the correct information, he was unable to login. He called the KLA office and staff contacted NCBA asking them to check into the issue. The member's account was reset immediately, and he was able to access the information he needed.

A member called asking if a manure spreader mounted on a truck was required to be registered. Under Kansas law, a truck mounted with a manure spreader is an implement of husbandry and, thus, does not need to be registered.

Livestock escaped from an enclosure and subsequently were struck by a motorist. The KLA member who owned the livestock called the office regarding liability. In Kansas, the standard of liability for escaped livestock is ordinary negligence. Therefore, the motorist would have to prove the owner was negligent in keeping their livestock in. If the owner has a lawful fence that is checked regularly, it would be difficult for a motorist to prove negligence.

A KLA member contacted the office for information about beef industry sustainability after receiving questions from a supplier. Staff shared that KLA is a founding member of the U.S. Roundtable for Sustainable Beef and supported the first-ever beef industry life cycle assessment funded by the beef checkoff. These efforts provided science-based information to support the positive effects of beef production.

When a member called regarding the need to register old Army trucks that had been adapted with hydraulic systems and other components to run various trailer attachments, KLA staff explained it was not needed. Due to the adaptations to the vehicles, their exclusive use for agriculture and the fact that they only are incidentally operated on roads, the vehicles qualify as implements of husbandry and, therefore, do not need to be registered.

KLA staff assisted a member when a horse breeder tried to charge sales tax on a ranch horse. Ranch horses are exempt from sales tax.

A member called asking if their neighboring landowner is required to contribute to a partition fence when they don't have any livestock. Kansas requires adjacent landowners to contribute equal shares to a partition fence regardless of livestock ownership.

A KLA member called with questions about sales tax, property tax and registration of farm vehicles. Only implements of husbandry - those vehicles designed or specifically adapted and used exclusively for agricultural operations - are exempt from sales tax and may be exempt from property tax and registration requirements.

KLA government affairs staff successfully stopped a bill that would have made it a crime for livestock to escape their enclosures.

A KLA member was looking for pasture lease rates, which he had seen published in the *KLA News & Market Report*, but had misplaced the newsletter. He called the KLA office and the information was promptly mailed to him.

Upon direction of KLA policy set by the membership, KLA staff requested a bill be introduced in the state Legislature to require fake meat labels contain a disclaimer to prevent consumer confusion.

A member has pasture near a railroad right-of-way. The fence was beginning to get run down and needed replaced. KLA staff explained the procedure to notify the railroad of the disrepair, which must be followed to get reimbursed for building any fence, if the railroad fails to make repairs.

When a KLA member was preparing to do renovations around a cattle processing barn, they called the KLA office for assistance in completing a project exemption certificate so the project could be completed without sales tax. KLA successfully supported a bill that provides a sales tax exemption for feedyard construction and renovation projects, if the total cost is more than \$50,000. ■