



Nebraska Approved Controlled Feedlots

An Approved Controlled Feedlot is a confined feedlot maintained for finish feeding of cattle in a dry lot with no provisions for pasturing or grazing. The advantage of an Approved Controlled Feedlot is the Nebraska import requirements for some diseases may be waived including but not limited to, Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) and Trichomoniasis. All cattle leaving an approved feedlot must move directly to slaughter or to another controlled feedlot in Nebraska or another state meeting the requirements of the destination state.

Acceptance Requirements:

- Complete the application below and submit it to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (Department) for review.
- Pass initial and annual inspections.
 - See Inspection Form
- Must have a Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy permit in place with a mass casualty plan provided to the Department, if applicable.
- Allow for quarterly facility inspections by the Department with an audit of the facility completed by Department field staff.
- Audit shall include, but is not limited to, the following:
 - Capacity of the feedlot
 - Size of the facility
 - Ownership status
 - Property capability
 - Fencing and enclosure status
 - Site veterinarian contact information
 - Record keeping requirements
- Record keeping requirements shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Movement sheets of cattle going to slaughter submitted to the Department monthly, if applicable.
 - Movement records of all animals that move to a controlled feedlot or out of state.
 - Official ID application documents submitted to the Department monthly, if applicable.
 - Maintain a record of death loss other than to slaughter.
 - Notification to the Department of any suspected diseases including: Tuberculosis, Brucellosis and Trichomoniasis.
 - Records kept for 5 years.
- Neighbor notification means the adjacent landowner or land managers with land capable of maintaining livestock, even if cattle are not currently maintained on such owners or manager's land. Notification will be done by the feedlot owner or operator, and shall allow a 30-day

comment period from the neighbor. Notification should be received by the Department prior to the Approved Controlled Feedlot agreement going into effect.

- Cattle movements to an Approved Controlled Feedlot must comply with CFR 86 regarding interstate movement of livestock under the Animal Disease Traceability Rule. Interstate cattle movement may be exempt from meeting some of the Nebraska Livestock Import rules and regulations but shall require a health certificate.
- The feedlot can apply to be a Department Approved Tagging Site. The tagging site agreement allows animals to be tagged with official ID after arriving at the feedlot to meet interstate movement requirements.
 - See Attachment B.
- Intrastate movements to an Approved Controlled Feedlot must be documented, and official identification must be applied upon arrival, if applicable. The feedlot or owner of the cattle must notify the Department of the movement. Forms of notification include the following options:
 - Health certificate
 - Import Permit
 - Written notification
 - Email, fax or documented phone call
- Agreements will be reviewed and renewed annually for appropriate compliance as well as be terminated by the Department at any time if the Department deems termination appropriate with written notice of cause of termination provided to the Feedlot Operator. If terminated, cattle that are present at the feedlot will be allowed to finish feeding and be shipped to slaughter, but no new cattle shall be added during this period and once the current cattle have shipped to slaughter, the set idle time and pen cleaning provisions will take effect. When, and if, the agreement is terminated by any of the applicable parties or by the Department, there will be a minimum set idle time and pen cleaning at the feedlot of a maximum of 60 days dependent on follow up inspections and environmental testing requirements, before normal business operations may resume. These will be considered by the Department on a case-by-case basis.
- The Department will consider catastrophic provisions for both in-state and out-of-state cattle moving to an Approved Controlled Feedlot without regulatory burdens which shall include, but are not limited to hurricanes, mudslides, tornadoes, flooding, wildfires, and feed mill fires. The Department shall be notified of these movements either beforehand or after the movement occurs.