The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (Department) works daily with livestock entities to provide options for such entities to maintain continuity of business, improved animal traceability, and to prevent livestock disease outbreaks. The following Agreements may be available upon request. However, each request is determined on a case-by-case basis based on the following: (i) an entity's compliance with all other required rules and regulations of the Department relating to livestock; (ii) animal disease concerns or outbreaks in Nebraska or other states; and (iii) in some instances, a preliminary risk assessment will be performed to evaluate and prevent spread of disease to other surrounding livestock.

Bull Leasing Agreements – Bull Leasing Compliance Agreements may be requested by entities who operate bull-leasing programs. Such operators are required to work with the department so that Trichomoniasis requirements for entering and leaving Nebraska during the leasing season are met. Ensuring the protection of NE livestock from Trichomoniasis will be required and specific requirements must be met under the agreement. If you are interested in a Bull Leasing Agreement, please contact our office for further details.

Swine Production Health Plans (SPHP) – A Swine Production Health Plan may be requested by entities who move swine interstate between operations. These plans require collaboration between the Department, swine producers and their veterinarians, and other states to maintain continuity of business, improved livestock traceability and animal disease control. If you are interested in a SPHP, please contact our office for further details.

Commuter Herd Permits and Compliance Agreements – Commuter Herd Permits and Compliance Agreements are offered in cooperation with certain states, cattle producers and their veterinarians, to allow interstate movement of cattle for seasonal grazing and pasturing while in their home state and in the travel state, based on the herd origin. We work diligently with producers and their veterinarians on meeting the specific requirements in these permits and agreements while maintaining speed of commerce, traceability and animal health. If you are interested in Commuter Herd Permits or Compliance Agreements, please contact our office for further details.

Cattle Feeding Compliance Agreements – Cattle Feeding Compliance Agreements are allowed on a case-by-case basis. The department collaborates with producers and veterinarians to allow import of feeding cattle that are destined for slaughter. With cooperation from certain states and feedlot operators, specific requirements are developed to ensure livestock disease control measures are met. Cattle which may be included in such an agreement include cross breeds of cattle; cattle not meeting a state's import requirements; or cattle not meeting a state's animal disease testing requirements. If you are interested in a Cattle Feeding Compliance Agreement, please contact our office for further details.