



# Nebraska Department of Agriculture

## Application for Designation as a Livestock Friendly County

County: \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact Information:

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In the following sections, check all items that apply to your county. For each item checked, include the appropriate document or other information clearly marked with the corresponding exhibit.

### Declaration of the County Board (to be completed by every applicant):

- Attach, as Exhibit A, a formal declaration adopted by the county board in a duly enacted resolution following a public hearing, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- An expression of interest in developing the livestock production and processing sectors of the county's economy.
  - An acknowledgment that livestock is important to the economic well-being of the county.
  - An assurance that the county intends to work with all other governmental jurisdictions within its boundaries in implementing livestock development within the county.
  - A commitment to compliance with the Livestock Waste Management Act.
  - A commitment to enter into a letter of understanding with the Department of Agriculture agreeing to:
    - Develop a plan to support the livestock industry in the county, and
    - Submit reports as directed by the Department of Agriculture.

**Narrative Describing Fulfillment of Intent** (to be completed by every applicant):

- Attach, as Exhibit B, a narrative describing how the county meets the overall intent of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§54-2801 and 54-2802 (see attached), including steps taken to support the livestock industry within the county and actions taken or information provided to avoid conflicting land uses.

**Zoning Adopted by the County** (to be completed if the applicant has adopted zoning):

- Attach the following exhibits if the county has adopted zoning pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-114.
- County comprehensive development plan and zoning resolution (attach as Exhibit C-1).
  - Zoning regulations applicable to animal feeding operations (attach as Exhibit C-2).
  - Zoning map indicating districts in which animal feeding operations are a permitted use (attach as Exhibit C-3).
  - Any other procedures, guidelines, or other requirements applicable to livestock producers in the county (attach as Exhibit C-4).
  - The conditional use permits, including any conditions or requirements, for animal feeding operations granted by the county board during the prior 24 months (attach as Exhibit C-5).
  - The written statement of fact, if available, for any applications by animal feeding operations for conditional use permits granted or applications for conditional use permits denied during the prior 24 months (attach as Exhibit C-6).
  - Any zoning regulations related to rural housing development (attach as Exhibit C-7).

**Animal Feeding Operations Restrictions** (to be completed if jurisdictions other than the county impose restrictions on animal feeding operations):

- Attach the following exhibits if any city, village, or other governmental jurisdiction within the county imposes restrictions on animal feeding operations.
- The ordinances or regulations applicable to animal feeding operations (attach as Exhibit D-1).
  - Map designating areas subject to such ordinances or regulations (attach as Exhibit D-2).
  - Resolution or written statement of the city council, village board, or board of any other governmental jurisdiction within the county acknowledging that livestock is important to the economic well-being of the area and expressing an interest in supporting the livestock production and processing sectors (attach as Exhibit D-3).

**Wellhead Protection Area** (to be completed if the following applies):

- Attach the following exhibits if any controlling entity has designated a wellhead protection area, as both terms are defined in the Wellhead Protection Area Act.
  - Map identifying the wellhead protection area designated by the controlling entity and approved by the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality in accordance with the Wellhead Protection Area Act that are applicable to animal feeding operations (attach as Exhibit E-1).
  - The wellhead protection plan or other document containing the applicable controls approved by the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality in accordance with the Wellhead Protection Area Act that are applicable to animal feeding operations (attach as Exhibit E-2).

**Other Considerations** (not required, but this is where your county can demonstrate what you do to make your county livestock friendly):

- Identify and attach other information the county wishes to have considered in this application for designation as a livestock friendly county. You may wish to refer to the general principles, evaluation criteria and standards the Department will consider when evaluating applications for approval. These are found in the Nebraska Administrative Code, Title 29, Chapter 2, Subsections 008.04 and 008.05 (see attached). Please provide complete details about all attachments. Identify the attachments as Exhibit F and following.

**Authorization** (to be completed by every applicant):

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized representative of \_\_\_\_\_ County  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed form with exhibits to:

Livestock Friendly County Program  
Nebraska Department of Agriculture  
P.O. Box 94947  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4947

For questions, contact:

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