



Nebraska Department of Agriculture

The mission statement of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) is:

"to regulate industries, as prescribed by statute, and to encourage and promote the interests of agriculture through advocacy and education."

NDA strives to achieve this mission, and so much more, by devoting its effort each day to three core focus areas:

- **Animal and Plant Health Protection**
- **Food Safety and Consumer Protection**
- **Ag Promotion and Development**

It takes a team effort to effectively serve the citizens of Nebraska. The NDA employees working directly in the three core focus areas are supported by a critical foundation of employees, called "shared services." This includes laboratory personnel, as well as those who provide investigative, administrative, communications, legal, computer, and budgetary services.

Through this work, NDA supports you in your everyday life, supports farmers, ranchers and the agriculture industry, and supports the state of Nebraska.



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At Work for You



Food Safety and Consumer Protection

(402) 471-3422

- Inspecting restaurants, grocery stores, and other food establishments, such as bakeries and food processors, for sanitary conditions.
- Checking the accuracy of commercial weighing and measuring devices. This includes fuel pumps at gas stations, the scales in grocery stores, and the measuring devices in home improvement stores.
- Testing the milk supply for quality at the farm, in transit, and at the milk manufacturing plant, ensuring finished dairy products are wholesome and safe to consume.
- Providing assistance in proper disposal of foods damaged in disasters, such as tornadoes, floods, and fires.

Programs: Food Establishment Licensing and Inspection; Dairy Licensing and Inspection; Inspection and Licensing of Weighing and Measuring Devices

At Work for Agriculture



Animal and Plant Health Protection

(402) 471-2351

- Monitoring the health of livestock and poultry through a number of disease eradication and control programs.
- Enforcing import regulations, so only healthy animals enter the state, which protects Nebraska's animal population, as well as the food supply.
- Protecting people and the environment by educating and licensing those who manufacture feed for livestock and apply chemicals to crops.
- Enforcing regulations covering the application of pesticides to everything from home lawns to crops.
- Surveying for, and if found, helping eradicate pests and weeds that can devalue or destroy our crops, nursery plants, and forests.

Programs: Commercial Dog and Cat Inspection Program; Noxious Weed Program; Animal Import Orders; Commercial and Private Pesticide Applicators Licensing; Entomology; Avian Influenza; BSE Prevention; Feed and Fertilizer Licensing; Rendering

At Work for Nebraska



Ag Promotion and Development

(402) 471-4876

- Promoting and facilitating the sale of Nebraska agricultural goods to the state, nation, and world.
- Helping the next generation of farmers get started, and working with struggling farmers to maintain their operations.
- Educating the public about the work of our farmers and ranchers, and emphasizing the important role of farming and ranching in the state of Nebraska's economy.
- Aid agriculture and our farmers and ranchers by providing marketing and industry support through education and information sharing.

Programs: Farmers' Market Nutrition Programs; Beginning Farmer Program; Farm Mediation; Nebraska Our Best to You; Proud to Buy Nebraska; Domestic and International Trade; Poultry and Egg; Potato Development; Promotional Directories; Livestock Friendly County Program