



To: Senate Committee on Transportation
Sen. Mike Petersen,

From: Tim Stroda, Kansas Pork Association

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Written Testimony in support of HB 2248 - Allowing all-terrain vehicles to cross federal or state highways

Thank you, Chairman Peterson, and members of the committee. I appreciate the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of HB 2248. My name is Tim Stroda, President-CEO of the Kansas Pork Association (KPA). KPA represents the state's pork farmers.

The evolution of modern pork farms has facilitated the placement of new buildings away from the main farm location. While there are several reasons for this trend to increased spacing of buildings, it does make movement between sites more cumbersome.

A number of our members operate farms along state and federal highways. Current law prohibits the use of ATVs and work-site utility vehicles (UTVs) upon state and federal highways. As such, our farmers are technically prohibited from crossing state and federal highways to access property on the other side of the road with ATVs and UTVs. There are cases where the buildings can easily be seen from the home farm, but you can't get there legally with an ATV or UTV.

KPA asks the committee to support HB 2248 and adopt the amendment. This will give our farmers the flexibility needed to utilize their equipment to make the farm more efficient.

Thank you.

Kansas Pork Industry Facts



Pork farmers make Kansas better

1. There are about 1,000 hog farms in Kansas. Of these operations, 150 produce over 99% of the state's pigs.
2. Kansas is the number 10 state in hog and pig inventory producing about 2.7 percent of the nation's total.
3. In 2018, Kansas producers sold 3,505,878 market hogs, feeder pigs and seedstock with a gross market value of \$471,395,739. These hogs produced over 600,000,000 pounds of pork which helps feed millions of people in the U.S. and abroad through exports.

Pork industry important to Kansas economy

Kansas pork farms consume over 30 million bushels of grain. Primarily, these operations utilize Kansas-grown grain sorghum and corn. At January 2019 prices, the pork industry will spend over \$90,000,000 on grain sorghum and corn this year.

Kansas pork farms also consume the equivalent of over eight million bushels of soybeans through soybean products. At January 2019 prices, the pork industry will spend over \$64,000,000 on soybean products this year.

Kansas pork farmers support suppliers of goods and services to their businesses. A short list of vendors includes:

- **Feed suppliers** - grain and nutritional supplements.
- **Construction** - includes new building and maintenance.
- **Labor** - as with any business, growth means increased labor needs.
- **Supplies** - pork producers utilize Main Street businesses for a vast array of items ranging from veterinary supplies to office supplies.
- **Equipment** - pork producers utilize specialty equipment for many tasks including nutrient management.
- **Utilities** - gas, propane and electric.
- **Trucking** - producers utilize trucking to bring grain to the farm as well as hauling hogs to market.
- **Services** - pork producers utilize many services along Main Street including financial, medical, accounting, legal, engineering, and veterinary.