

**47-1503. Feedlot operator's license; fees; disposition of moneys.** (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a feedlot within the state of Kansas without having first obtained a license from the animal health commissioner authorizing and permitting such operation.

(b) An operator of any feedlot in the state of Kansas, or a person desiring to operate a feedlot in the state of Kansas shall obtain from the animal health commissioner, a license to operate a feedlot, unless exempted therefrom. The owner or operator of any livestock feedlot, with a capacity of less than 1,000 head of livestock, may apply for and obtain a license for feedlot operations, if such owner or operator chooses and elects to come under the terms and provisions of this act, but the licensing for operations at a capacity of less than 1,000 head shall not be required.

(c) Application for a livestock feedlot license shall be filed with the animal health commissioner, on a form prescribed and furnished by the commissioner. Upon the filing of such an application and payment of the required fees, the commissioner shall issue a livestock feedlot license to such applicant, provided the application discloses information assuring the commissioner that the operation of such feedlot will be conducted in accordance with the standards set forth elsewhere in this act, and with rules and regulations adopted by the commissioner.

(d) Feedlot licenses shall be issued for the term of one year, to expire on June 30 following the date of issuance. Feedlot licenses may be continued in force by annual renewal or extension of such license with the payment of an annual license fee, and with continued compliance by the operator with the provisions of this act, and rules and regulations adopted hereunder.

(e) Each cattle feedlot operator, who shall be granted a license, shall pay a fee in an amount set by the Kansas animal health board and adopted by rules and regulations of the commissioner for such license and for annual renewal thereof, in accordance with and subject to the following schedule of maximum fees:

*Feedlot capacity Maximum fee*

Under 1,000 head	\$75
1,000 to 2,999 head	\$350
3,000 to 5,999 head	\$650
6,000 to 9,999 head	\$750
10,000 to 17,999 head	\$1,100
18,000 to 29,999 head	\$1,500
30,000 to 49,999 head	\$1,650
50,000 to 99,999 head	\$1,800
100,000 head and over	\$2,000

The fees established by this subsection on the day preceding the effective date of this act shall continue in effect until different fees are set as provided under this subsection.

(f) For the purposes of this subsection, "animal unit" means the number of swine weighing more than 55 pounds multiplied by 0.4; plus the number of swine weighing 55 pounds or less multiplied by 0.1; plus the number of sheep or lambs multiplied by 0.1; plus the number of goats multiplied by 0.1. Each swine, sheep and goat feedlot operator, who shall be granted a license, shall pay a fee in an amount set by the Kansas animal health board and adopted by rules and regulations of the commissioner for such license and for annual renewal thereof, in accordance with and subject to the following schedule of maximum fees:

*Feedlot capacity Maximum fee*

300 to 999 Animal units	\$75
1,000 to 2,999 Animal units	\$350
3,000 to 5,999 Animal units	\$650
6,000 to 9,999 Animal units	\$750
10,000 to 17,999 Animal units	\$1,100
18,000 to 29,999 Animal units	\$1,500
30,000 to 49,999 Animal units	\$1,650
50,000 to 99,999 Animal units	\$1,800
100,000 Animal units and over	\$2,000

(g) If an original feedlot license expires within six months after date of issuance, only 50% of the applicable license fee shall be required. An application for feedlot license shall not be approved, nor shall a license be issued to any applicant unless the application is accompanied by the applicable license fee under the schedule of fees in this section. Each licensed feedlot operator shall pay an annual license fee in accordance with the schedule of fees in this section and, upon payment of such fee and a showing of compliance with other requirements, shall be entitled to a renewal or extension of such operator's license for the ensuing license year.

(h) The animal health commissioner shall remit all moneys received by or for the commissioner under article 15 of chapter 47 of Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the animal disease control fund.

**History:** L. 1963, ch. 287, § 3; L. 1970, ch. 207, § 1; L. 1973, ch. 2, § 27; L. 1980, ch. 156, § 6; L. 1986, ch. 197, § 5; L. 1991, ch. 152, § 18; L. 1993, ch. 167, § 6; L. 2001, ch. 5, § 171; L. 2010, ch. 105, § 3; L. 2012, ch. 140, § 92; July 1.