

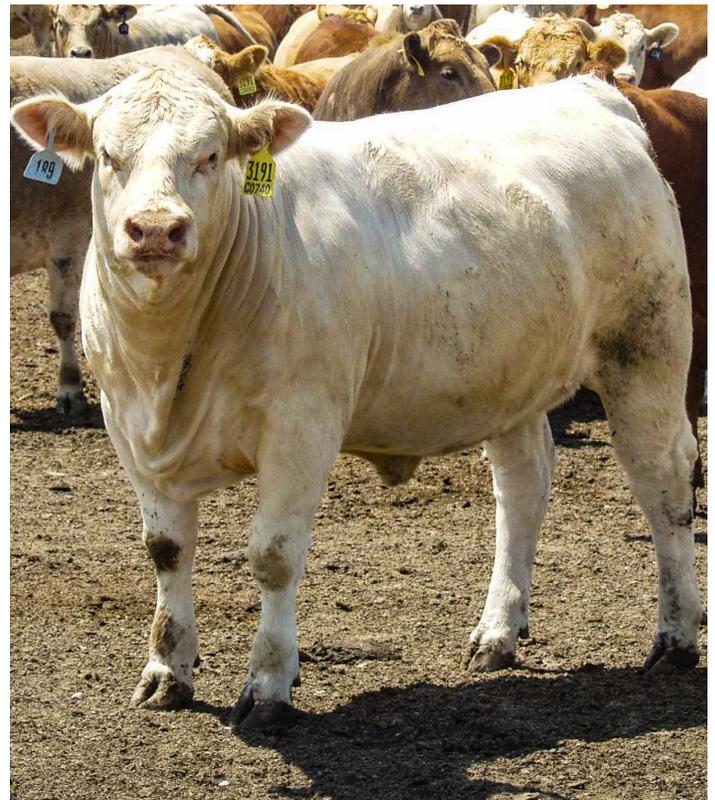
SECURE BEEF SUPPLY

An outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) would severely impact international trade and result in an overall disruption of the US beef supply. If a positive sample of FMD is found anywhere in North America, the Kansas Animal Health Commissioner (KAHC) will place a stop movement order for all cattle, pigs and sheep within the state of Kansas and interstate shipping of livestock. This means NO transportation of those animals within the state, going out or coming in. Once the KAHC determines shipping is allowed, permits will be required to move livestock. In order to gain a permit, a feedlot must have a Premise ID (PID) and prove to the KAHC that they have a biosecurity plan in place and are following the plan.

According to the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA), the Kansas Secure Beef Supply (KS SBS) is a voluntary plan and a process for feedlots to become pre-approved to ship animals from uninfected farms and feedlots during an FMD outbreak. Only feedlots with a PID will be able to request a permit to move cattle to slaughter and those with a KS SBS plan will be at the front of the line. Although the state of Kansas is well prepared for this type of situation, it will likely be a confusing and chaotic. Therefore, delays and backlogs are to be expected.

Once movement is allowed, feedlots will need to market fed cattle and National Beef plants will need cattle to process. If a large number of USPB feedlots within the state of Kansas can develop pre-approved KS SBS plans, it will benefit the feedlot and National Beef. If a feedlot waits until an outbreak occurs, it is likely to take much longer to get a KS SBS plan approved and the feedlot runs the risk of not being able to ship cattle to slaughter for an extended period.

Therefore, USPB and National Beef are encouraging feedlots to obtain a PID and develop a KS SBS plan and keep



it active. There is no cost or fee to develop a KS SBS plan. It is recommended that it be developed in conjunction with your veterinarian. For more information, please contact Emily Voris at KDA at 785-210-7741 or emily.voris@ks.gov.

Currently, KDA can only approve feedlots within Kansas. Feedlots outside of Kansas can contact USPB and we will provide the contact information for other states. You can also visit <https://securebeef.org/> for information. ♦