

## **Overstocking**

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment Livestock Waste Management Section recognizes herd populations and mortality management at permitted swine feeding operations may be impacted due to conditions predicated by the COVID-19 pandemic on livestock transportation and processing operations. We understand that this is a unique situation that may require varying operational changes at permitted swine facilities across the state. We have reviewed several potential options that are readily available to be approved rapidly while providing protections to the public, environment, and permittee. Based upon correspondence we have had with industry representatives, including producers, population management was identified as the first item impacting their permit.

As maximum animal unit capacity and mortality management are items containing within a facility's Kansas Water Pollution Control Permit for Agricultural Wastes, producers are required to notify the Department for approval of changes in operations.

During overstocking operation, daily logs of waste retention structure operating levels and weekly head counts shall be maintained at each site and available for inspection upon request by the Department. Approval of overstock will be evaluated after 90 days from initial permittee request and may be extended or withdrawn as COVID-19 pandemic conditions change.

For more information:

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