



# AGRIBUSINESS' UNIFIED VOICE

## WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1896, the Topeka-based Kansas Grain and Feed Association is a voluntary non-profit, trade organization representing 900 members including country elevators, subterminal and terminal elevators, feed manufacturers, flour mills, grain merchandisers and allied industries such as grain exchanges, equipment manufacturers, insurance firms and railroads. Learn more at [ksgrainandfeed.org](http://ksgrainandfeed.org).

Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association is a volunteer organization whose membership includes more than 700 agribusiness firms including retail facilities supplying fertilizers, crop protection chemicals, equipment, seed, petroleum products and agronomic expertise to Kansas farmers. Learn more at [ksagretailers.org](http://ksagretailers.org).

The Kansas Cooperative Council is a 75 year-old voluntary trade association representing all forms of cooperatively structured business in Kansas. Its mission is to promote, support and advance the interests, business success and understanding of cooperatives through legislation and regulatory efforts, education, and public relations. Learn more at [www.kansasco-op.coop](http://www.kansasco-op.coop).

## OUR CONCERNS

### PROPERTY TAXES

Increased property taxes across the state have resulted in dozens of bills being filed on the issue in recent years. While COVID-19 shut down most legislative action last year, look for similar legislation to be introduced this year to strengthen the rights of Kansas property tax payers, which your association will support. One property tax bill that is likely to be re-introduced would prohibit county treasurers from distributing the portion of property taxes that are in dispute until the final appeal of the valuation. In recent years, your association supported this legislation and will continue to do so.

### REASONABLE REGULATION

Our industry is a heavily regulated industry. In order for Kansas agribusiness to be competitive, we must continue to have a fair and reasonable regulatory environment. As such, we will support legislation to provide stronger legislative oversight of agency regulations.

### INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

In order to move Kansas agricultural products to market, we must have adequate and well maintained roads, bridges, and rail lines. We will support full funding of the state highway plan through current funding mechanisms, but oppose new and additional fees or taxes. We will also support continued funding of the new short line rail grant improvement fund that was successfully passed in 2020.

### PESTICIDE WASTE DISPOSAL —

Last year, your association helped draft and introduce a bill to allow up to \$50,000 from the agricultural chemical remediation reimbursement fund to be used annually for a new Pesticide Waste Disposal Program which would be managed by the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture. The bill made progress last year before being stalled out due to the shortened session. The bill will be reintroduced this year.

### INCOME AND SALES TAX —

We oppose legislation that would increase taxes on our industry.

### HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL SPILLS —

We support legislation to allow KDHE to set reportable quantities of spills.

### PETROLEUM TANK STORAGE FUNDS —

We support extension of the underground tank replacement funds.

### NET OPERATING LOSSES —

We support allowing NOL to be carried forward 20 years, currently 10 years.

### KDHE AIR QUALITY FEES —

We support legislation to prohibit increases in KDHE air quality fees.

### STATE WATER PLAN —

We support full statutorily-required funding of the State Water Plan Fund.

### COVID-19 RECOVERY —

We support limited liability protections for businesses related to COVID-19 exposure to employees and customers.

### BUDGET —

We are monitoring and aware of the state budget forecast and hurdles.

## WE'D LOVE TO TALK



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