LANCASTER COUNTY

Commercial Feedlot Definition: A use where the principal business is the feeding of livestock or poultry for the purpose of sale for slaughter or butcher. Commercial feedlot shall not include dairy herds of the keeping of livestock other than for slaughter or butcher.

Allowed by Special Permit:

Commercial feedlot facilities for livestock and poultry may be allowed by special permit in the AG zoning district. The application for a special permit shall be accompanied by a statement from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) that either the facility does not need to provide anti-pollution controls, or that the applicant has received approval from DEQ for anti-pollution controls.

SALINE COUNTY

Agricultural Use: ….confined and intensive animal feeding use and associated waste handling facility of less than 300 animal units as defined in Sections 303.24, 303.45 and 303.94

Confined Animal Feeding Use: More than 300 animal units (AU)

- Class I= 300 to 1,000 AU
- Class II = 1,001 to 2,500 AU
- Class III = 2,501 to 5,000 AU
- Class IV= 5,001 to 10,000 AU
- Class V= 10,001 or more

AG DISTRICT

Permitted: Class I and II confined feeding operations. Must meet Section 617

Conditional Use: Development of new Class III, IV and V confined animal feeding.
Section 617 Development of New Class I and II Confined Feeding Uses

Distance from dwelling, lot less than 20 acres, church, school or public use is .375 to the north and .25 miles to the south, east and west.

1,000 feet from any publicly owned water supply and 100 feet from any residential domestic well.

Provide plan on how dead animals are disposed of.

The need for Groundwater monitoring shall be determined by NDEQ.

GAGE COUNTY

Livestock Confinement Facilities/Operations: confinement of more than 300 animal units. (AU) 100 chickens equals 1 animal unit.

AG-1 District

Conditional Use: Livestock confinement of 300-749 AU

Special Permitted: Livestock confinement of 750+ AU

Distance measured from the building to house, church, cemetery, school or other public use building.

- 300-500 AU = 1/4 mile
- 501-1,000 AU = 3/8 mile
- 1,001- 2,500 AU = ½ mile
- 2,501- 5,000 AU = ¾ mile
- 5,001 – 10,000 AU = 1 mile
- 10,001+ = 1.5 mile

1. A management plan for disposal of dead animals approved by NDEQ
2. Waste disposal plan.
SEWARD COUNTY

Livestock Feeding Operation: where animals exceed 1,000 Animal Units (AU).

Large CAFO: 1,000 AU or more
Medium CAFO: 301 to 999 AU
Small CAFO: 300 or less AU.

A-1 District:

Permitted Uses

LFO of less than 1,000 AU.

Conditional Use

LFO over 1,000 AU.

Spacing Requirements from non-farm or other residence:

0 to 300 AU = 1,320’
301-999 AU = 2,640’
1,000 – 4,999 AU = 3,300’
5,000 – 9,999 AU = 3,960
10,000 – 19,999 AU = 5,280 = 12 inches for each additional animal unit above 20,000.

Other Requirements

Approval from NDEQ
Operation and Maintenance Plan
Manure Management Plan

For zoning regulations go to
Livestock Feeding Operations: More than 250 animal units (au) requires a Conditional Use Permit.

Spacing Requirements from non-farm residence or other residence not on the owner’s property.
LFO having 251 to 500 a.u. = 1,320 feet (1/4 mile)
LFO having 501 to 1,000 a.u. = 1,980 feet
LFO having 1,001 to 5,000 au = 2,640 feet (1/2 mile)
LFO having more than 5,000 au = 3,920 feet (3/4 mile)
If less than 251 animal units there is no setback requirement.

Farming
2 animal units for the first acre and 1 animal unit per acre for a parcel less than 40 acres. (20 acres = 21 animal units)

1-1/2 animal unit per acre for a parcel greater than 40 acres, but less than 80 acres.
60 acres = 90 animal units)

2 animal units per acre for parcels over 80 acres. (80 x 2 = 160 animal units)

Other Requirements
Construction and Operating Permit from NDEQ required.
Livestock Feeding Operations: More than 300 animal units (au). More than 1,000 animal units requires a Conditional Use Permit.

Spacing Requirements from other residence not on the owner’s property, other LFO, church, cemetery, school, park, platted residential area and residential district.

LFO having 301 to 1,000 a.u. = ½ mile for ECH and Open
LFO having 1,001 to 2,500 a.u. = 1 mile for ECH and Open
LFO having 2,501 to 5,000 au = 1 ½ mile for ECH and 1 ¼ mile for Open.
LFO having 5,001 to 10,000 au = 1 ¾ mile for ECH and 1 ½ for Open
LFO having 10,001 to 20,000 au = 2 ½ miles for ECH and 3 miles for Open.
ECH = Environmentally Controlled Housing
OPEN = Open Lot Operations.

Other Requirements
Construction and Operating Permit from NDEQ required.