

Young Stockmen participate in Southwest Kansas bus tour

The 2026 Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) Young Stockmen's Academy (YSA) met September 21-23 for their third seminar of the year, a bus tour of central and southwest Kansas beef and dairy operations. The YSA program is exclusively sponsored by Merck Animal Health.

Innovative Livestock Services hosted the group's first tour stop near Larned, where the YSA class got to see the progress on and hear about the considerations for their new feedyard in Kansas. Then, the class continued west to Twin Circle Dairy near Lewis. The newly built dairy features a pair of 120-cow rotary parlors and milks 19,000 cows twice daily. Twin Circle Dairy is one of five area operations selected to supply milk to the Hilmar Cheese Company plant in Dodge City. Following the dairy stop, the group traveled a few miles down the road to Cross Ranch, owned by 2007 KLA President David Cross. In addition to a cow-calf herd, the ranch consists of a custom weaning and growing business. To round out the first day, the YSA class

was joined by KLA members for dinner and networking at Prime on the Nine steakhouse in Dodge City.

Day two started at Dodge City Veterinary Clinic with a Beef Quality Assurance training and injection-site demonstration led by Tim Parks, DVM, with Merck. Clinic co-owner and veterinarian Chad Kerr joined the group for the visit and provided insight into the veterinary business and his experiences over 25-plus years of practice. After departing Dodge City, the tour headed to Scott City where they visited the KLA Environmental Services (ES) office for lunch and an overview of the business by KLA ES staff. Cobalt Cattle hosted the class at their Leoti feedyard location after lunch. Cobalt Chief Executive Officer Joel Jarnagin spoke about the cattle feeding industry in the region and led a tour of the operation's new feed mill. For the final stop of the day, the YSA class visited Larson Ranch in Leoti, owned and operated by YSA alumni Brady and Kyla Larson. The Larsons raise Angus and Charolais seedstock and recently



Pictured front row left to right are Justine Johns, Minneapolis; Brooke Falk, Harveyville; Hannah Grund, Wallace; Teagan Sturdy-Milliken, Lyndon; Sierra Cargill, Medicine Lodge; Adalaide Kline, Colby; Baylee Shultz, Berryton; Taylee Velasquez, Hugoton; MaKala Fitzsimmons, Cunningham; and Skye Schumaker, Pratt;

implemented Halter virtual fencing collars on the cowherd. They hosted the group and local KLA members for dinner and networking following a discussion and tour of their barns and feeding pens.

Hilmar Cheese Company in Dodge City was the final tour stop. Production shift manager Pablo Morales spent time with the class providing an overview of

plant operations and the supply chain for Hilmar products. Then, the class adjourned until their final meeting during the 2026 KLA Convention in Manhattan November 18-20.

Members of the 2026 YSA class are James Brack, Moscow; Sierra Cargill, Medicine Lodge; Gatlin Clawson, Meade; Brooke Falk, Harveyville; MaKala Fitzsimmons, Cunningham; Shane

(back row, L to R) Shane Flach, Manhattan; Jack Roenne, Great Bend; Luke Kaiser, Grinnell; David Cross; Gatlin Clawson, Meade; Nick Nowak, Ellis; Nick Higgason, Olmitz; Casey Giffing, Ulysses; Quinton Porter, Hays; and Brady McComb, Pratt.

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KLA is a trade organization representing the business interests of members at both the state and federal levels. Voluntary dues dollars paid by producers are used for programs that benefit KLA members in the areas of legislative representation, regulatory assistance, legal troubleshooting, communications and the advancement of youth.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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State of Kansas

Notice Concerning Proposed Kansas Air Quality New PSD Construction Permit

Notice is hereby given that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is soliciting comments regarding a proposed air quality construction permit. Seaboard Energy Kansas, LLC has applied for an air quality construction permit in accordance with the provisions of K.A.R. 28-19-300 for the proposed increased production capacity and relaxation of previously permitted limitations project at their renewable diesel and hydrogen generation plant located at 1043 Road P Hugoton, Kansas, 67951. Emission of particulate matter (PM), PM with less than or equal to 10 micrometers in aerodynamic diameter (PM10), PM with less than or equal to 2.5 micrometers in aerodynamic diameter (PM2.5), volatile organic compounds (VOC), oxides of nitrogen (NOx), sulfur dioxides (SO2), carbon monoxide (CO), hazardous air pollutants (HAPs), lead, hydrogen sulfide (H2S), sulfuric acid mist (H2SO4), and greenhouse gases (GHG), as carbon dioxide equivalent (CO2e) were evaluated during the permit review process.

The permit is to be issued in accordance with the provisions of K.A.R. 28-19-350, Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD), which adopt the federal standards, procedures, and requirements of 40 CFR 52.21 by reference. These air quality regulations apply to major stationary emission sources located in areas designated as "attainment/unclassifiable" under the federal Clean Air Act (CAA). Attainment areas are areas where the air quality meets or is better than the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). Unclassifiable areas lack sufficient data to determine attainment, so they are treated under the same protective pre-construction rules to maintain air quality standards.

The PSD regulations require evaluation of emission reduction techniques to identify the best available control technology (BACT) for each regulated pollutant, including GHG, for which the emission rate exceeds the PSD significant emission rates. The purpose of BACT is to affect the maximum degree of reduction achievable, taking into account energy, environmental, and economic impacts for each pollutant under review. Evaluation of the estimated emissions increases for the proposed project indicates that the emission rates of VOC, NOX, CO, and GHGs (as CO2e) exceed the significance levels. Seaboard Energy Kansas, LLC conducted the required BACT analyses and KDHE concurs with their findings.

Ambient air quality impact analyses were performed on the air emissions of NO2, CO, Ozone (O3) and secondary PM2.5 (VOC as pre-

cursor of O3 and secondary PM2.5) from the proposed project. The analyses demonstrated no significant impact on ambient air quality for NO2, CO, O3, and secondary PM2.5.

On November 21, 2025, this project was submitted to KDHE, however, this project did not establish any minor source baseline dates for PM10, PM2.5, NO2, and SO2 for Stevens County. The minor source baseline date for NO2, PM10, and SO2 for Stevens County was established on August 11, 2011. The minor source baseline date for PM2.5 for Stevens County was established on December 20, 2012. The minor source baseline date was established by the first PSD increment consuming source in Stevens County. Maximum increment consumption from the PSD increment modeling results for this project was included in the permit summary document.

No assessment of visibility impacts at a Class I area was performed by the facility because there are no Federal Class I areas located within 300 km of the proposed project. The facility did a visibility impact analysis for a local Class II area, Hugoton Municipal Airport. The Hugoton Municipal Airport is located approximately one kilometer from Seaboard Energy Kansas, LLC. The results indicate that there are exceedances for the sky and the terrain inside and outside the Hugoton Municipal Airport area. Thus, Level 2 VISCREEN analysis was conducted for Hugoton Municipal Airport. The results for Level 2 indicate that there are no exceedances of the screening criteria inside of the Hugoton Municipal Airport.

A public comment period has been established to allow citizens the opportunity to express any concerns they may have about this proposed permitting action. The public comment period is to begin on October 8, 2026, and end on November 9, 2026. All comments should be submitted in writing to Laura Chavira Molina (785)-296-1691, KDHE/Bureau of Air, 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 310, Topeka, KS 66612-1366 or presented at the public hearing.

Any member of the public may request to hold a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed issuance of the draft air quality construction permit. A written request to hold a public hearing should be sent to the attention of Laura Chavira Molina, (785)-296-1691, KDHE/Bureau of Air, 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 310, Topeka, KS 66612-1366 or by FAX to (785) 559-4256 and must be received by noon on November 9, 2026.

If a pertinent request is received, a public hearing is scheduled by the KDHE to be held at the Stephens County Library, Multi-Purpose Room, 500 S. Monroe, Hugoton, Kansas 67951 on November 12, 2026, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and continuing until audience members have an opportunity to submit comments. If no pertinent

requests to hold the public hearing are received by noon Monday, November 9, 2026, the public hearing will be cancelled. A notice of the cancellation will be posted at the KDHE website at <http://www.kdheks.gov/bar/publicnotice.html>.

If a hearing is conducted, all interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to present their views orally or by submission of written materials during the hearing. In order to give all parties an opportunity to present their views, it may be necessary to request that each participant limit oral presentations to a specific time limit. Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request the proposed materials in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation must be made no later than Monday, October 26, 2026, by contacting Laura Chavira Molina at (785)-296-1691.

A copy of the proposed permit, permit application, all supporting documentation, and all information relied upon during the permit application review process are available for public review for a period of 30 days from the date of publication during normal business hours (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM) at the KDHE, Bureau of Air (BOA), 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 310, Topeka, KS 66612-1366. Also, a copy of the proposed permit only can be reviewed at the KDHE Southwest District Office, 302 W McArtor Rd, Dodge City, Kansas. To obtain or review the proposed permit and supporting documentation, contact Laura Chavira Molina (785)-296-1691, at the central office of the KDHE and to review the proposed permit only, contact Ethel Evans (620)-356-1075, in the KDHE Southwest District Office. The standard departmental cost will be assessed for any copies requested. The proposed permit, accompanied with supporting information, is available, free of charge, at the KDHE BOA Public Notice website, <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/413/Public-Notices>.

The preceding notice refers to the air permit for Seaboard Energy Kansas, LLC located at 1043 Road P, Hugoton, Kansas, 67951. If you want more information or you have other questions, please contact the KDHE Non-Discrimination coordinator and call 785-296-5156 or send an email to: KDHE.NonDiscrimination@ks.gov. [El aviso anterior se refiere al permiso de aire para Seaboard Energy Kansas, LLC ubicado en 1043 Road P, Hugoton, Kansas, 67951. Si desea obtener más información en español o tiene otras preguntas, por favor, comuníquese con el Coordinador de No Discriminación de KDHE y llame al 785-296-5156 o envíe un correo electrónico a: KDHE.NonDiscrimination@ks.gov.]

Janet Stanek, Secretary
Kansas Department of Health
and Environment

Beef Certificate Program reaches nearly 22,000 Kansas students during 2025-26 school year

The Kansas Beef Council's (KBC) Beef Certificate Program reached nearly 22,000 Kansas students during the 2025-26 school year. This Check-off-funded program empowers the next generation of shoppers to make informed decisions about the food they purchase and prepare at home.

The program reimburses Kansas middle and high school Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) and ProStart classrooms for beef used in hands-on lessons on selection, storage, preparation and nutrition. Across 58 counties, 142 schools participated last school year, reaching 21,784 students.

Through the program, FCS and ProStart teachers apply for funding to purchase beef for classroom labs and gain access to more than 10 standards-based lesson plans covering beef selection, safe handling and nutrition. Reimbursement amounts are based on class enrollment and school classification. KBC provides the lesson plans and teacher support at no cost.

The Beef Certificate Program also grew beyond the classroom. In partnership with the California Beef Council, KBC launched "Beef: Processing to Plate," a virtual learning series connecting students to food safety and meat science. The recording remains available for continued classroom use. Kansas beef producers also support the next generation of foodservice professionals through sponsorship of state culinary competitions such as the Kansas ProStart Invitational, where Eudora High School won the Best Beef Dish award in March 2026.

"These classroom labs give students the chance to select, handle and cook beef themselves, and that hands-on experience builds confidence

they'll carry into their own kitchens and grocery stores," KBC Director of Nutrition Abby Heidari, RDN, LD, said. "We're grateful to the FCS and ProStart teachers who bring these lessons to life and to the Kansas beef producers whose Checkoff investment makes it all possible."

KBC now is accepting Beef Certificate Program applications for the 2026-27 school year. Kansas FCS and ProStart teachers can apply online at

www.kansasbeef.org. Teachers with questions can contact Heidari at abby@kansasbeef.org or (785).273.5225.

For more information about KBC and its programs, visit www.kansasbeef.org.

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FRIDAY	October 9 th	2 PM - 5 PM
SATURDAY	October 10 th	10 AM - 3 PM
SUNDAY	October 11 th	1PM - 4 PM

FURNITURE

Baker's rack; (3) recliners; 4 piece matching bedroom set with (2) nightstands, headboard, & dresser; Sealy queen mattress with adjustable frame; (4) end tables; coffee table; matching motion loveseat & sofa; antique teacart; (3) TV stands; oversize chair; white outside rocker; matching bedroom set including 5 drawer chest; nightstand, & headboard; queen size mattress and boxspring; wooden rocker; floral sofa; burgundy loveseat; vintage matching bedroom set including dresser with mirror, headboard & footboard, nightstand, & full size mattress & boxspring; metal filing cabinet; boxspring & frame; white washed lit curio cabinet

KITCHEN & HOUSEHOLD

(2) Sweepers; Rival ice cream maker; (2) antique sewing machines with cabinets; rooster collection; lamps including vintage; pictures; small appliances; bakeware; Corning ware; Tupperware; (2) crocks; pots & pans; glassware; utensils; silverware; cookbooks; Correlle dishes; books; towels; bedding; throw pillows; (2) TV's; silk flower arrangements; knickknacks; linens; rugs; Scentys pots; Longaberger baskets; Christmas decorations including (2) Christmas trees; sewing supplies; men & women's clothing; shoes; cowboy boots; jewelry; handbags; toiletries

MISCELLANEOUS

Medical equipment including (2) wheelchair, 1 electric wheelchair, (3) security poles, security bars for toilet; multiple shower chairs, adult diaper genie; women's golf clubs; dolly; Worx Aerocart; blower; boom box; fan; fishing supplies; hunting clothes; yard tools; games; toys; air mattress, & much, much more

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