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Welcome to the first edition of the Nebraska Public Service Commission (PSC) Department Digest. Produced Quarterly, this on-line newsletter is designed to introduce you to the services provided by the PSC and familiarize you with six departments that make up the Commission.

A constitutionally created body established under Article IV, Section 20 of the Nebraska Constitution, the commission is comprised of five elected Commissioners serving six-year terms.

“Today’s PSC is tasked with not only regulating a multitude of services, but managing multimillion dollar funds used to support the industries and the citizens we serve,” PSC Chair Mary Ridder

Today, the PSC's six departments administer programs and enforce rules and regulations according to state statute.

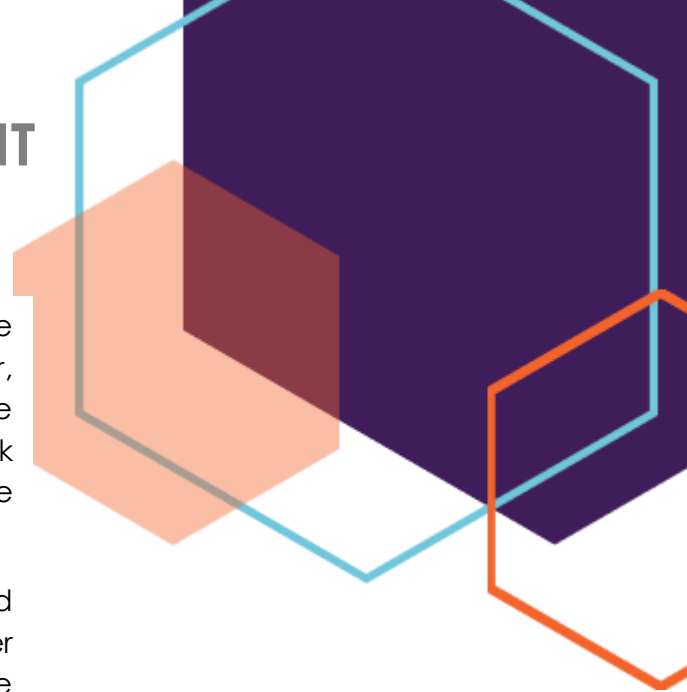
In this first edition of the PSC Department Digest we'll explore the services and responsibilities of our [Grain Department](#)



MEET YOUR GRAIN DEPARTMENT TEAM

The PSC Grain Department is comprised of six full time employees, to include, a director, a program manager, and four examiners, two of which also serve as moisture meter inspectors. The director and program manager work out of the PSC Lincoln office, while the examiners travel the state, visiting licensed grain warehouses and dealers.

The department is responsible for the licensing and enforcement of the Grain Warehouse Act, the Grain Dealer Act, the Grain Moisture Meter and Mechanical Probe Inspection program. Department members also conduct soybean audits for the Nebraska Soybean Board.



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Understanding Grain Laws at Harvest Time

Understanding the law is vital when it comes to protecting assets. Meeting certain requirements is key to protecting oneself should a grain dealer go out of business.

Under the Grain Dealer Act if a producer/seller wants to ensure their transactions with a grain dealer are covered by the grain dealer's security posted with the PSC, they must demand payment within 15 days of completion of their contract with the dealer. Producers/sellers who choose not to demand payment within 15-days after completion of their contract will be unsecured creditors of that dealer and forfeit any protection from the grain dealers' security. Producers must demand payment within a set timeframe to ensure they are covered.

Grain Warehouse operators are also reminded by the PSC of the Emergency Storage Policy. In order to store grain on the ground, and Emergency Storage application must be filed with, and approved by the PSC. Visit the Grain Department page of the PSC website to download an Emergency Storage Application.

Grain Department Members Attend AGRO Conference

Savannah, Georgia, was the site of the 2019 Association of Grain regulatory Officials (AGRO) annual conference (July 28-31) attended by members of the PSC Grain Department. A big thank you, to Terri Fritz for all of her hard work as the treasurer for AGRO.

The annual event is an opportunity for members to get the latest updates on changes in any laws or rules and regulations affecting the nation's agricultural community. Sessions were provided on topics ranging from grain marketing strategies to USDA updates and farm safety. There was also ample opportunity to network and enjoy the sights of historic Savannah.

AGRO is a service organization dedicated to assisting state, federal and provincial government warehousemen and producers in the advancement of good relations.





The Nebraska Public Service Commission regulates telecommunications carriers, natural gas jurisdictional utilities, major oil pipelines, railroad safety, household goods movers and passenger carriers, grain warehouses and dealers, construction of manufactured and modular homes and recreation vehicles, high voltage electric transmission lines, and private water company rates.

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