

HB 574 -- AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES

SPONSOR: Haden

This bill specifies that the Missouri Department of Agriculture, the United States Department of Agriculture, the county sheriff and any other federal or Missouri state agency with statutory or regulatory authority have exclusive authority to inspect the grounds or facilities in Missouri used for the production of eggs, milk or other dairy products, raising of livestock, or the production or raising of dogs or other animals not used to produce any food product. Unless requested by the owner of the facility, no other entity may inspect the grounds or facilities to enforce or carry out the laws or administrative rules of the state or that of another state.

The provisions of this bill do not apply to inspections in a charter county or the City of St. Louis or on any manufacturing component of a production agriculture farm.

No testimony or evidence offered regarding conditions or events at the described facilities by anyone other than those authorized may be admissible in any criminal prosecution or civil case.

This bill is similar to HCS HB 1583 (2020).