

HB 574 -- AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES (Haden)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Agriculture Policy

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 further processing 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 unless the testimony is offered by someone who is authorized by the owner to be present at the facility or grounds, a person who entered pursuant to a valid search warrant, or a person who observed the condition or event from public land or private land owned or rented by such person.

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