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**To: Licensed Feral Swine Transporters**  
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The proliferation of feral swine into new areas of Oklahoma continues to detrimentally impact agricultural production, natural resources, and wildlife. In an effort to adopt a more aggressive approach to control populations, encourage trapping and elimination of feral swine, while still cracking down on illegal transport and releases, the administrative code of The Feral Swine Control Act was recently amended this past legislative season, and these changes are effective immediately. This letter serves to update current and previously licensed feral swine transporters of these rule changes and how they will be implemented. The following is a summary of the highlights of those changes.

#### **License Expiration and Fee**

Previously, transporter licenses were free of charge and valid for five years. Effective immediately, all transporter licenses with an expiration date beyond June 30, 2017 will prematurely expire June 30, 2017. Transporter licenses will now have to be renewed annually (expiring on June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year) and will have an application fee of twenty five dollars. New license cards with updated expiration dates will not be issued for this year, and the current license cards will not be recognized after June 30, 2017. Licensees may go to [www.ag.ok.gov/ais/feralswine](http://www.ag.ok.gov/ais/feralswine) to renew their license through a newly developed online licensing program beginning in June 2017. Please mark your calendar to renew this license at that time. Expired licensees may log into that system immediately to renew their license for the current licensing year. The first time a transporter logs in, you will be asked for your transporter license number (listed on your license card) and your city. Once logged in, you should update your contact information and password by clicking "update contact information" at the top of the page. It is very important that you provide an email address so that future correspondence and 24-Hour Transport Permits can be electronically sent to you.

#### **24-Hour Transport Permit**

In addition to holding a valid transporter license, effective immediately, all transporters must have an approved 24-Hour Transport Permit prior to each movement of live feral swine. These permits will be valid for a 24-hour period, free of charge, and through the same online system by smart phone or other electronic device at [www.ag.ok.gov/ais/feralswine](http://www.ag.ok.gov/ais/feralswine). A licensed transporter must log into this system with their transporter license number, establish a password their first visit, and can then apply for permits any time of day or night. The system will require that the transporter input a minimal amount of information including the number of live feral swine, county of origin, destination, and is designed to be done in the field in just a couple minutes time. If this information is provided, a 24-Hour Transport Permit will be emailed to the transporter immediately with no pending approval or wait time. This permit must be completed prior to the onset of transport and be available electronically or in hard copy at all times during transport of live feral swine. A permit may also be completed over the phone by calling The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture during regular working hours at 405-522-6124, but wait times may vary.

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In the situation that a transporter is requesting a permit by phone but does not have a computer and printer or smart phone, the permit will be future dated to allow for mailing time, and transport of the feral swine will be delayed until arrival of the permit by mail. If multiple groups of live feral swine are captured at multiple sites, a new 24-Hour Transporter Permit will need to be completed prior to moving the additional groups of live feral swine. As a licensed transporter, you will need to have a 24-Hour Transport Permit for your next movement of live feral swine. Please go to [www.ag.ok.gov/ais/feralswine](http://www.ag.ok.gov/ais/feralswine) to do so.

### **Holding Pens**

Previously, licensed transporters were allowed to maintain live feral swine in an unlicensed “Holding Pen” for a period of up to seven days. Effective immediately, transporters may only unload live feral swine from the transport vehicle/cage/trailer at a licensed handling facility, licensed sporting facility, or slaughter facility. Transporters with valid 24-Hour Transport Permits may maintain live feral swine at their home premises for an indefinite amount of time so long as live feral swine are not unloaded from the original transport vehicle/cage/trailer. If you wish to become licensed as a feral swine handling facility so that feral swine may be offloaded at your premises, the application may be found at [www.ag.ok.gov/ais/feralswine](http://www.ag.ok.gov/ais/feralswine).

### **Feral Swine Free Zone**

Effective immediately, the 10-county region including Cimarron, Texas, Beaver, Harper, Ellis, Woods, Woodward, Alfalfa, Grant, and Garfield Counties is an established “Feral Swine Free Zone”.

Transportation of live feral swine into, through, or within this zone or any future established zone is prohibited. The transport of live feral swine out of this zone is permitted so long as a 24-Hour Transport Permit is completed. The capture and killing of feral swine within the Feral Swine Free Zone is permissible so long as any observation, capture, or kill of feral swine is reported to the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry (ODAFF) at the contact information below.

### **Commingling**

Effective immediately, feral swine shall not be commingled with any domestic livestock species at any location or during transport. Common cages or enclosures, water sources or food sources accessible by both domestic livestock species and feral swine is prohibited.

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This letter is just a brief summary of the regulatory changes that affect feral swine transporters. It is beyond the scope of this letter or any future letters to explain the feral swine rules in their entirety. It is your responsibility as a licensed transporter to read and understand these rules, so please visit the ODAFF webpage at [www.ag.ok.gov/ais/feralswine](http://www.ag.ok.gov/ais/feralswine) to access the most current version of the Feral Swine Control Act and Administrative Rules and many other resources. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 405-522-6124 or [justin.roach@ag.ok.gov](mailto:justin.roach@ag.ok.gov). Thanks for your current and future participation in ODAFF's feral swine licensing program.