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LEGISLATIVE POST AUDIT COMMITTEE VOTES TO INVESTIGATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S PRICE VERIFICATION INSPECTION PROCESS

TOPEKA- The Legislative Post Audit committee approved a full-scope audit of the Kansas Department of Agriculture's price verification inspection process, following a 2019 limited-scope audit which found the Department did not complete enough inspections to ensure adequate coverage across the state.

"Accurate pricing for our agricultural commodities is more important now than ever, with markets fluctuating across the country due to the Coronavirus pandemic," said Senator Carolyn McGinn, who requested the audit and sits on the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

"Kansas farmers and ranchers deserve a fair shake when it comes to pricing, and I eagerly await the findings of this audit," continued Senator McGinn.

The audit will focus on two main questions, the first asking "What were the results of recent price verification inspections?" and the second asking "How do other states ensure adequate inspection coverage for point-of-sale systems?"

The Division of Post Audit estimates results of the audit will be available within four months.

Audio of the Legislative Post Audit Committee can be found on the Legislature's website by clicking here or by going to <u>www.kslegislature.org</u> and clicking on the Audio/Video link then looking on today's date within the "Statehouse Live and Archive" drop down.

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