

Updated Disposition Report instructions and address 11/2022
No changes were made to records retention

Schedule 31-4

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS DIVISION

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RECORDS RETENTION AND DISPOSITION SCHEDULE

TO: STATE RECORDS ADMINISTRATOR STATE OF NEBRASKA	SCHEDULE NUMBER 31-4
	AGENCY, BOARD OR COMMISSION DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
	DIVISION, BUREAU OR OTHER UNIT Agriculture Statistics
	Supersedes Edition of March 2, 1984

PART I -- AGENCY STATEMENT

<p>In accordance with Section 84-1212.01, R.R.S. 1943, approval of the attached records retention and disposition schedule by the State Records Administrator is hereby requested. Retention periods and dispositions have been recommended by this agency after a careful evaluation of all factors listed in Section 84-1212.01, R.R.S. 1943.</p>	
<p>SIGNATURE * <i>Sharon Kahn</i></p>	
<p>TITLE <i>Records Officer</i></p>	<p>DATE <i>4-27-90</i></p>

PART II -- ARCHIVAL APPROVAL

<p>The attached schedule has been analyzed, all archival and historical material has been properly identified, no disposition except by transfer to the State Archives has been recommended for such material, and this schedule is approved as submitted.</p>	
<p>SIGNATURE * <i>Andrea I. Paul</i></p>	
<p><i>Asst.</i> STATE ARCHIVIST</p>	<p>DATE <i>5/2/90</i></p>

PART III -- APPROVAL BY STATE RECORDS ADMINISTRATOR

<p>The attached schedule has been reviewed in accordance with Section 84-1212.01, R.R.S. 1943, and is approved as submitted.</p>	
<p>SIGNATURE * <i>May 1, 1990 Allen Beermann</i></p>	
<p>ADMINISTRATOR</p>	<p>DATE <i>May 1, 1990</i></p>

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING THIS SCHEDULE

Records retention and disposition schedules are designed to serve as your records management guideline for storing and disposing of agency records, **regardless of the media on which they reside**, including paper, microfilm, diskettes, optical disks, CDs, DVDs, servers, computer hard drives, etc. This schedule was written specifically for records unique to your office and the State Agencies General Records Schedule #124 contains those records common to most state government agencies. This retention schedule, which is approved by the State Records Administrator, provides your only ongoing authority to dispose of records. Listed below are some basic procedures to follow when applying your schedule.

DISPOSING OF RECORDS

1. Check your schedules to see what the retention period is. Note: Your agency's unique schedule will take precedence over State Agencies General Records Schedule #124 for any items which have differences in retention requirements.
2. Dispose of records that have met their retention periods. Unless there is pending or on going, legal action, records request, or audit.
3. For records requiring a review of, or transfer to the **NE State Historical Society (State Archives)**, your agency is required to contact the State Archives to negotiate the transfer. Additionally, **once the records are accessioned into their collection, they become the property of the State Archives** (Neb. Rev. Stat. §82-105). The State Archives may remove selected records in accordance with standard archival practices to ensure efficient access, organization and enduring historical value (Neb. Rev. Stat. §82-107). Please contact their office by calling (402) 471-4783.
4. Complete a Records Disposition Report for the records you dispose. The Records Disposition Report form is located on the Secretary of State Records Management website. https://appengine.egov.com/apps/ne/sos_records_disposition_report. This report establishes that the destruction was performed in your normal course of business.

NON-SCHEDULED RECORDS

Contact a Records Management Specialist in Records Management to see whether the records will fit under an item already on the schedule. If they do not, they must be retained until they are added to the next revision of your schedule.

SCHEDULE UPDATE

It is the responsibility of each agency to periodically update their schedule. A Records Management Specialist in Records Management can assist you with the schedule update, which may involve adding new records series and making revisions to existing items. Keeping your schedule current will ensure you have the ongoing authority to discard records when their useful life has ended.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about these procedures, please contact your agency Records Officer or the Records Management Specialist in Records Management. They will help you with any questions the schedule may present, including: transferring records to the State Records Center or microfilming records, scanning records, etc.

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SCHEDULE 31-4 – AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT-STATISTIC DIVISION

31-4-1 FARM DIRECTORY

Report of names of farmers in Nebraska and their identification numbers.

Dispose of when superseded or obsolete.

31-4-2 NEBRASKA AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS (Annual Report)

Summary of all agricultural production estimates for the state of Nebraska based primarily on surveys of farmers and agri-business firms. Formerly State Farm Census.

Transfer 4 copies to Library Commission, Publications Clearinghouse. Dispose of remaining copies at the discretion of the agency head.

31-4-3 ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL SURVEY DATA

The Annual Agricultural Survey is conducted in late fall and early winter. Survey questionnaires are sent to all known farmers and ranchers in the state that are not mailed Federal Acreage and Production questionnaires. The reported data are summarized by county and crop reporting districts and combined with data obtained on the Federal Acreage and Production surveys. The summarized data provides the basis for county estimates of agricultural production. Formerly State Farm Census Data.

QUESTIONNAIRES: Dispose of after 2 years.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT SUMMARIES: Dispose of after 6 years.

31-4-4 DRY EDIBLE BEAN SURVEY DATA

Survey is conducted in the spring and fall. Questionnaires are sent to all known farmers and ranchers that produce dry beans in the state. Information may include acreage, yield, production by class, etc.

QUESTIONNAIRES: Dispose of after 1 year.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT SUMMARIES: Dispose of after 6 years.