

LB844 of 2024

**Requirements for Seed Corn Producers that utilize one or more farm labor contractors for the roguing or detasseling of seed corn (Producer):**

By January 1, 2025, any Seed Corn Producer that intends to utilize one or more farm labor contractors for the roguing or detasseling of seed corn (Producer) shall submit a form to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) stating the intent to utilize farm labor contractors for detasseling or roguing of seed corn during the upcoming growing season (Intent to Use Farm Labor Contractors Form).

By September 1, 2025, and each year thereafter, such Producer shall submit a signed and notarized statement to NDA containing the following information:

- Total number of acres of seed corn the Producer planted in Nebraska;
- Names of any Certified Exempt Contractors with whom the Producer contracted for labor for the roguing or detasseling of seed corn and the total number of acres rogued or detasseled by each such operation; and
- Names of any farm labor contractor that does not hold a valid certificate of exemption with whom the producer contracted for labor for the roguing or detasseling of seed corn and the total number of acres rogued or detasseled by each such operation.

Information received by NDA from Producers is not subject to disclosure under Nebraska public records statutes.

**Requirements for the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA):**

By January 1, 2025, and each year thereafter, NDA shall publish a Directory (Directory) on its website containing:

- The name of each farm labor contractor with a valid certificate of exemption described in Neb. Rev. Stat. §48-1703(7) (Certified Exempt Contractor) that provides detasseling or roguing services for seed corn; and
- Contact information for each such Certified Exempt Contractor, including the address of its headquarters, and a telephone number if available.

By January 11, 2025, and each January 15 thereafter, NDA shall send, by registered mail, a copy of the most recently updated Directory to Producers that have submitted an Intent to Use Farm Labor Contractors Form to NDA. (NDA has ten days from receipt of the form to mail the Directory to Producers who file the first year.)

By September 30, 2025, and each year thereafter, NDA shall publish a report on its website the following information provided by Producers including an aggregate listing of the total number of:

- Acres of seed corn planted in Nebraska;

- Acres of seed corn detasseled or rogued by Certified Exempt Contractors;
- Acres of seed corn detasseled or rogued by nonexempt contractors; and
- Acres of seed corn for which Producers did not utilize detasseling or roguing services by any farm labor contractor.

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## LB844 (of 2024) Chronological Timeline

By January 1, 2025, any Seed Corn Producer that intends to **utilize one or more farm labor contractors for the roguing or detasseling of seed corn** (Producer) shall submit a form to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) stating the intent to utilize farm labor contractors for detasseling or roguing of seed corn during the upcoming growing season (Intent to Use Farm Labor Contractors Form).

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