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**Online filing of agricultural liens expands**

LINCOLN – More agricultural lien records in Nebraska can now be filed online, according to Secretary of State John Gale.

Effective Nov. 9, Gale's office began accepting Effective Financing Statement (EFS) original filings online. Original filings join terminations and continuations as EFS documents that can be filed electronically.

For the time being, EFS amendments must be done with paper records. An online service for amendments will be added in the future, Gale said.

"This latest move meets two of my goals of office – to increase online services and to make it easier to conduct business in Nebraska," Gale said. "Having these filings online makes the process quicker and more convenient for the filer."

EFS filings provide public notice of security interests held by lenders on crops and livestock.

Lenders regularly make loans on crops and livestock and secure those loans with a lien filing. The Secretary of State's Office issues a master lien list every quarter to interested parties that identifies the EFS filings of record.

"EFS filings are an extremely important public notice that brings stability and security to the commodity market place in Nebraska," Gale said.

"Such filings open up lines of credit to producers for loans by protecting lenders in the event of a sale of secured commodities," he said. "Nebraska lenders and purchasers rely heavily on the EFS system to work accurately and smoothly to make these lines of credit possible."

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