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**Ohio Department of Agriculture Issues**  
**Final Permit to Operate for 5 C's Farm, Inc.**

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (March 24, 2010) – The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) yesterday issued a final Permit to Operate (PTO) for 5 C's Farm, Inc. located in Defiance County, Hicksville Township, 06083 Cicero Road, Hicksville, Ohio. The farm, which is in the Upper Maumee Watershed, is owned by 5 C's Farm, Inc. and operated by William Cleland, Sr. and William Cleland, Jr.

5 C's Farm, Inc. has a design capacity for 3,350 beef cattle in six separate housing buildings.

The 5 C's Farm, Inc. final Permit to Operate is for the entire facility. This permit, which is drafted to regulate operations with plans for manure management, insect and rodent control, mortality management and emergency response, is valid for a five-year period, at which time the owner will be required to renew the operating permit.

The 5 C's Farm, Inc. final Permit to Operate can be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission (ERAC) at 309 South Fourth Street, Room 222, in Columbus, Ohio 43215. The appeal period ends at 5:00 p.m. on April 26, 2010. A copy of the appeal must be served on the Director of Agriculture within three days after filing the appeal with ERAC.

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