

**Ohio Department of Agriculture
Draft Permit to Operate**

Draft Permit to Operate 51-019-PTO-002

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ohio Department of Agriculture
Livestock Environmental Permitting Program
8995 East Main Street
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068
(614) 387-0470

Date of Issue of Public Notice: December 29, 2008

Name and address of facility:

De Vries Dairy, LLC; 7188 Sager Road; LaRue, OH 43332

Name and address of owner:

De Vries Dairy, LLC; 7188 Sager Road; LaRue, OH 43332

The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) is accepting comments on a draft Permit to Operate (PTO) for De Vries Dairy, LLC located at 7188 Sager Road, LaRue, OH 43332. The farm is owned by De Vries Dairy, LLC at the same address. The Marion County farm is in Bowling Green Township situated in the Upper Scioto River Watershed.

De Vries Dairy, LLC was issued a Permit to Install and a Permit to Operate by the department on Jan. 24, 2003, to operate for a period of five years, after which time it was required to apply for a PTO renewal, which is also valid for a period of five years. The farm has applied for a renewed operating permit and has met the requirements in OAC 901:10-2.

In accordance with OAC rule 901:10-6-01, public notice is hereby given that the Ohio Department of Agriculture is accepting comments on the draft Permit to Operate for De Vries Dairy, LLC. Any person may submit comments on the draft permit and request a public meeting. Both must be in writing. Comments and/or public meeting requests must be hand-delivered or mailed to the ODA Livestock Environmental Permitting Program (LEPP) at 8995 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068 no later than 5 p.m. on January 28, 2009. Comments received after this date will not be considered by the director before issuing the final permit. Where there is significant public interest, the director will hold a public meeting.

The De Vries Dairy, LLC draft Permit to Operate may be viewed and/or copies made at the ODA Livestock Environmental Permitting Program offices in Reynoldsburg. The permit can also be viewed at the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District Office (SWCD), 1100 East Center Street, in Marion. Those interested should call the SWCD office at (740) 387-1314 and make an appointment. Written comments cannot be submitted to the Marion SWCD office.

The existing facility has a design capacity of 2,500 mature dairy cows, which will remain the same under the renewed draft Permit to Operate. The PTO is drafted to regulate facility operations with plans for manure management, insect and rodent control, mortality management and emergency response. An Operating Record is contained in the draft Permit to Operate that includes all forms and information that must be maintained by the facility to show compliance with ODA's rules and the permit.

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