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## **Ohio Department of Agriculture Issues** **Final Permits for Gill Livestock Farm**

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (Dec. 11, 2009) – The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) yesterday issued a final Permit to Install (PTI) and final Permit to Operate (PTO) for Gill Livestock Farm located in Madison County at 3180 Davis Road in London, Ohio. The Union Township farm is in the Deer Creek to the Lower Scioto River Watershed. It is owned and operated by Gill Integrated Livestock & Land Farm, LLC, with Tony Gill as sole member.

The farrowing facility has a current design capacity of 2,400 swine weighing 55 pounds or more and, upon completion of its proposed expansion, will have a design capacity of 3,200 swine. The permitting threshold for swine weighing 55 pounds or more is 2,500 head; therefore, this facility applied for both a Permit to Install and a Permit to Operate from the department.

The Permit to Install allows for a new addition to the existing farrowing barn that is considered a Gilt Development Unit (GDU). This new addition, approximately 92 ft. wide by 82 ft. long, will have a design capacity of 800 swine. The swine will be housed over a shallow pit that will be flushed at least every 14 days to the existing breeding and gestation building's liquid storage pit. No additional manure storage will be constructed under this PTI.

The Gill Livestock Farm PTO, which is for the entire facility, regulates operations with plans for manure management, insect and rodent control, mortality management and emergency response. This PTO is valid for a five-year period, at which time the owner will be required to renew the operating permit.

The Gill Livestock Farm final Permit to Install and 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 Jan. 15, 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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