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### **New Day Farms, Farm 3** **Draft Permit to Operate**

#### **General overview of the farm**

New Day Farms, Farm 3, is an existing farm located in Union County, York Township, at 27400 Coder-Holloway Road in West Mansfield, Ohio. The facility is owned by New Day Farms, LLC and operated by Bill Fitzpatrick. New Day Farms, Farm 3 is located in the Upper Scioto River Watershed. The current design capacity of the facility is 740,000 laying hens. The hens are housed in 4 belt battery barns, with manure storage provided in a 574,464 cubic feet storage building where manure is transferred to daily. The facility also has four egg wash ponds, with one of these ponds aerated for odor control. The remaining 3 ponds are used for eggwash storage, totaling 3.2 million gallons and providing 214 days of storage. This draft Permit to Operate (PTO) is a renewal application for the previously issued PTO, which was valid for a period of 5 years.

#### **Overview of draft Permit to Operate**

Within the draft Permit to Operate (PTO), a complete Manure Management Plan is provided, which outlines inspections and monitoring that must be completed by the facility. The estimated manure production for the entire facility would be about 14,114 tons of composted manure, which would be distributed to other farmers for application on crop land as a replacement for commercial, synthetic fertilizer sources. New Day Farms, Farm 3 also produces 5.52 million gallons of egg wash water annually. The treated egg wash will be center pivot applied to 21.1 acres in a corn grain rotation. In the event that conditions do not allow for all the egg wash to be applied through the center pivot, the excess will be sold to crop farmers or taken to the City of Marion's waste water treatment plant for further treatment.

An Insect and Rodent Control Plan is included to minimize the presence and negative effects of insects and rodents. The plan includes methods to control flies, beetles and mice. The plan identifies requirements for regular inspections throughout the buildings for flies, larvae and beetles, as well as daily water leak inspections. The results of regular inspections are used to determine if the facility is required to perform treatment for insect or rodents based on the criteria set forth in the permit.

A Mortality Management Plan is required for disposal of dead livestock. Approved methods of disposal are burying, landfilling, burning, rendering and composting. New Day Farms, Farm 3 uses composting as the primary method of mortality disposal.

An Emergency Response Plan is required to ensure accidents or emergencies are handled quickly and efficiently to maintain the safety of the environment, wildlife and water supplies. In case of an emergency or accident, the names and phone numbers of contact personnel and equipment are listed in the permit.

Finally, an Operating Record is included that provides all forms and information that must be maintained by New Day Farms, Farm 3 to demonstrate compliance with ODA's rules and the permit. These records include inspection of the manure storage structures, manure characterization, land application, insect and rodent control, distribution and utilization of manure, and mortality management. The facility and these records are inspected by the Ohio Department of Agriculture to ensure compliance.

