

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

**Draft Permit to Install 20-023-PTI-001  
Draft Permit to Operate 20-023-PTO-001**

***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: March 24, 2009

Name and address of owner:

Cooper Farms, Inc.; 22348 County Road 140; Oakwood, OH 45873

Name and address of facility:

Pheasant Run; 09504 Farmer-Mark Road; Mark Center, OH 43536

Public notice is hereby given that the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) is accepting comments on a draft Permit to Install (PTI) and draft Permit to Operate (PTO) for Pheasant Run; 09504 Farmer-Mark Road; Mark Center, Ohio. The Defiance County farm is in Mark Township situated in the Upper Maumee River Watershed. Owner of the farm is Cooper Farms, Inc.; 22348 County Road 140; Oakwood, Ohio.

Pheasant Run would have a design capacity of 7,100 swine weighing 55 pounds or more. The permitting threshold for swine weighing 55 pounds or more is 2,500 head; therefore, this facility has applied at ODA for both a draft Permit to Install and a draft Permit to Operate.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture issued notice of a draft Permit to Install for Pheasant Run. The draft Permit to Install is for two new breeding/gestation barns that would house approximately 2,360 head of sows each, an acclimation building to house approximately 1,468 swine, two farrowing buildings - each with a design capacity of approximately 456 sows - and a mortality compost building.

The Agriculture Department also issued notice of a draft Permit to Operate for Pheasant Run for the entire farm. The draft PTO would regulate operations with plans for manure management, insect and rodent control, mortality management and emergency response. It would be valid for a five-year period, at which time the owner would be required to renew the operating permit.

In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code rule 901:10-6-01, the Ohio Department of Agriculture will provide an opportunity for public comments concerning these permits. Any person may submit written comments on the draft permits and request a public meeting, which must be in writing. Where there is significant public interest, the director will hold a public meeting. Written comments and/or public meeting requests must be received by the department no later than 5 p.m. on April 23, 2009. Comments and/or public meeting requests must be hand-delivered or mailed to the Ohio Department of Agriculture Livestock Environmental Permitting Program, 8995 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068. Comments received after this date will not be considered by the director before issuing the final permits.

Copies of the Pheasant Run draft Permit to Install and draft Permit to Operate may be reviewed and/or copies made at the ODA Livestock Environmental Permitting Program office. The permits can also be viewed at the Defiance Soil and Water Conversation District Office, 06879 Evansport Rd., Suite C, in Defiance. Those interested should call the SWCD office at 419-782-8751 and make an appointment. Written comments cannot be submitted to the Defiance SWCD office.

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