

**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: May 5, 2009

Name and address of facility:

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

Name and address of owner:

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

Public notice is hereby given that the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) will hold an open house and public meeting on the draft Permit to Install (PTI) and draft Permit to Operate (PTO) for Pheasant Run farm. The open house and public meeting will be held on June 16 at the Evergreen Lane Office Complex (large meeting room), 06879 Evansport Road, in Defiance. The open house will be held from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. and the public meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

In accordance with rule 901:10-6-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code, the department will provide an opportunity for public comment concerning these draft permits. Oral comments can be made on the record at the public meeting. Written comments must be received by ODA no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 23, which is five business days after the date of the public meeting. Comments must be delivered or mailed to ODA Livestock Environmental Permitting Program, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068. Comments received after June 23 will not be considered by the director before making a determination on the final Permit to Install and final Permit to Operate.

Pheasant Run is located at 09504 Farmer-Mark Road in Mark Center, Ohio. The Defiance County farm is in Mark Township situated in the Upper Maumee River Watershed. The owner of Pheasant Run 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 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 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.

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 Conservation 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.