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**Wezbra Dairy, LLC**  
**Draft Permit to Install and Draft Permit to Operate Renewal**

***General Overview of the Farm***

Wezbra Dairy, LLC is located in Putnam County, Palmer Township at 15257 Road C, Continental, Ohio, in the Auglaize Watershed. The facility is owned by United Dairy Group LLC and Wezbra Dairy LLC and operated by Jeroen and Jose van Wezel, Bram Bontruo and Rene van Bakel. The dairy currently has a design capacity for 1,250 mature dairy cows and 116 heifers. There are three existing liquid manure storage structures with a combined capacity of 31.4 million gallons and a stacking pad to store 135,000 ft<sup>3</sup> of separated solids and solid manure. This draft Permit to Operate is a renewal for the previously issued Permit to Operate which would be valid for 5 years.

***Overview of Draft Permit to Install***

Wezbra Dairy, LLC had a Permit to Install (PTI) approved in 2004 to expand its mature dairy cow capacity to 1,540 mature dairy cows, but the construction approved with this PTI was never fully completed. This PTI has therefore expired and this draft PTI is to allow for the dairy to construct the additional freestall building to house 474 additional mature dairy cows. If approved, this would bring the design capacity of the facility to 1,540 mature dairy cows. Wezbra Dairy also proposes to construct an additional 39 stalls to its heifer barn, increasing its capacity to 155 heifers. The existing manure storage capacity at the facility will more than provide enough storage, with the storage period for liquid storage estimated at 611 days.

***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 facility will produce an estimated 16.9 million gallons and 2,435 tons of manure annually. All manure will be land applied on roughly 2,107 acres of crop land to recycle nutrients as a replacement for commercial, synthetic fertilizers. The planned crops for all the acreage include corn silage, corn grain, wheat and soybeans.

An Insect and Rodent Control Plan is included to minimize the presence and negative effects of insects and rodents.

A Mortality Management Plan is required for disposal of dead livestock. Approved methods of disposal are burying, landfilling, burning, rendering and composting. Wezbra Dairy plans to continue to utilize rendering as the primary method of 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.



Finally, an Operating Record is included that provides all forms and information that must be maintained by the facility to show compliance with ODA's rules and the permit. These records include inspection of the manure storage structures, manure characterization, 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.



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