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Ohio Department of Agriculture Issues
Final Permit for Wezbra Dairy, L.L.C.

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (Dec. 22, 2009) – The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) yesterday issued a final Permit to Operate (PTO) for Wezbra Dairy, L.L.C. located in Putnam County, Palmer Township, at 15257 Road C, Continental, Ohio. The dairy, which is in the Powell Creek Watershed, is owned by Wezbra Dairy, L.L.C. with Jeroen and Jose van Wezel listed as members and operators.

The Wezbra Dairy, L.L.C. final Permit to Operate is a renewal application for the PTO issued by the department in 2004. The PTO regulates operations for the entire farm with plans for manure management, insect and rodent control, mortality management, and emergency response. This permit is valid for a five-year period, at which time the owner would be required to apply for renewal. The facility has a design capacity of 1,540 mature dairy cows.

The Wezbra Dairy, L.L.C. 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. 29, 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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