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Ohio Department of Agriculture Issues
Final Permit for Zylstra Dairy, Ltd.

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (June 26, 2009) – The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) on June 24, 2009, issued Zylstra Dairy, Ltd. at 11753 Road 21 in Antwerp, Ohio, a final Permit to Operate (PTO). The Paulding County farm is in Harrison Township, which is in the Maumee River Watershed.

Zylstra Dairy, Ltd. is owned by Antwerp Dairy Leasing, LLC and operated by Zylstra Dairy, Ltd. The existing facility has a design capacity of 1,400 mature dairy cows, which will remain the same under the final Permit to Operate. This final PTO is a renewal application for the previously issued Permit to Operate, which was valid for a period of five years.

The final Permit to Operate regulates operations with plans for manure management, insect and rodent control, mortality management, and emergency response. This permit is also valid for a five-year period, at which time the applicants would be required to renew the operating permit.

The Zylstra Dairy, Ltd. final Permit to Operate can be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission, 309 South Fourth Street, Room 222, Columbus, Ohio 43215. The appeal period ends at 5:00 p.m. on July 31, 2009. A copy of the appeal must be served on the Director of Agriculture within three days after filing the appeal with the Environmental Review Appeals Commission.

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