



FACT SHEET: Ohio Department of Agriculture LIVESTOCK ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING PROGRAM



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Mercer County Permits to Operate

Overview of Permit to Operate

The Concentrated Animal Feeding Facilities (CAFFs) listed in the table are all located in Mercer County. Each was issued a Review Compliance Certificate (RCC) by the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) in 2003 to operate for a period of five years, after which time the facility was required to apply for a Permit to Operate (PTO). These facilities have applied for a Permit to Operate and have met the requirements set forth in OAC 901:10-2.

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

A manure management plan is required as part of the PTO to demonstrate effective and responsible use of the nutrients contained in the manure. An Insect and Rodent Control Plan is required to minimize the presence and negative effects of insects and rodents. A Mortality Management Plan is required for the disposal of dead livestock. 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 contained in the draft PTO that includes all forms and information that must be maintained by the facility to show compliance with ODA's rules. These records include inspection of the manure storage structures, manure characterization, land applications, insect and rodent control, distribution and utilization of manure, and mortality management. These records will be inspected by the ODA a minimum of twice annually.

Facility Name	Owner/ Operator	Facility Address	Township	Watershed	Livestock	Capacity
Brunswick Farms, Inc.	Brunswick Farms, Inc./ Ronald & Clara Brunswick	2138 Fort Recovery- Minster Rd. Ft. Recovery OH 45846	Gibson	Upper Wabash	Poultry	120,600
Eichenauer Farms, Inc.	Eichenauer Farms, Inc./ Mark Eichenauer	119 State Route 49 Ft. Recovery OH 45846	Gibson	Upper Wabash	Poultry	308,000
Guggenbiller Farms, Inc.	Guggenbiller Farms, Inc.	2820 Watkins Rd. Ft. Recovery OH 45846	Gibson	Upper Wabash	Poultry	243,000
Tobe Poultry Farm	Martin Tobe	1273 Fox Rd. Ft. Recovery OH 45846	Gibson	Upper Wabash	Poultry	120,000
Ron Post Farms	Ron Post	850 Post Rd. St. Henry OH 45883	Granville	Upper Wabash	Poultry	300,000
Schweiterman Egg Farm, LLC	Schweiterman Egg Farm, LLC	3690 Watkins Rd. Ft. Recovery OH 45846	Granville	Upper Wabash	Poultry	132,000
Acheson Poultry	Michael D. Acheson	2120 Erastus-Durbin Rd Ft. Recovery OH 45846	Recovery	Upper Wabash	Poultry	137,600
Paul Fortkamp Farm	Paul Fortkamp	1191 Wendel Rd Ft. Recovery OH 45846	Recovery	Upper Wabash	Poultry	221,480
T & N Farms	Tom & Nick Boeckman	1567 State Route 219 Coldwater OH 45828	Washington	Upper Wabash	Beef	120
					Swine (>55#)	2,400
					Poultry	157,800
Lennartz Farms	Thomas & Duane Lennartz	3178 St. Peter Rd. Ft. Recovery OH 45846	Recovery	Upper Wabash	Swine (>55#)	1,907
					Swine (<55#)	800
					Poultry	233,520
Robert Fleck and Sons, LP	Robert Fleck & Sons, LP./ Dale Fleck	8933 St. Rt. 274 New Bremen, OH 45869	Marion	Upper Wabash	Swine (>55#)	1,520