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**Ohio Department of Agriculture Accepting Public Comment on Proposed Defiance County  
Major Concentrated Animal Feeding Facility**

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (April 9, 2013) – The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) is accepting comments on a draft permit to install and draft permit to operate for Hillandale Farms in Defiance County (Hicksville Township), 9715 Rosedale Road, Defiance.

Any person may submit written comments or request a public meeting on the draft permits for this proposed farm. A request for a public meeting must be in writing and state the nature of the issues that will be raised at the meeting. Comments or public meeting requests must be hand-delivered or mailed to the department's Division of Livestock Environmental Permitting office at 8995 East Main St., AB Graham Building, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068 no later than 5 p.m. on May 9, 2013. Comments received after this date will not be considered. If a public meeting is scheduled, anyone attending will have the right to provide a written or oral statement for the record.

The Division of Livestock Environmental Permitting is responsible for ensuring that Ohio's largest livestock and poultry farms follow science-based guidelines that protect the environment while allowing the facility to be productive.

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***Editor please note: A fact sheet containing additional information about this facility has been included.***

