

Informational Flyer for **Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations ("CAFO")**

Water Permitting & Enforcement Division March 2024

What is a CAFO?

A CAFO is an Animal Feeding Operation that discharges process wastewater to waters of the state.

Am I a CAFO?

You are considered a medium or large CAFO if you meet the eligibility criteria as prescribed in the regulations. Please refer to the below diagram to determine if your farm qualifies as a CAFO.

What is the CAFO NPDES General Permit?

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") Program is a federal program that regulates all point source discharges to waters of the US. The state of CT CAFO General Permit was issued to simplify the permitting process for farms providing consistent and equitable permit conditions. The CAFO General Permit was issued by the state of CT in January 2023.

Why Should I Apply for a Pemit?

Under the federal Clean Water Act and the CT statutes and regulations all CAFOs are required to have a NPDES permit. All large and qualifying medium CAFOs must apply for the CAFO General Permit through DEEP.

What Does the Permit Require?

You will be required to operate and manage your wastewater in accordance with your site-specific Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan to minimize impacts to nearby waterways.

Is There a Permit Application Fee?

There is a registration fee of \$250 for Medium CAFOs and \$500 for Large CAFOs.

Helpful Links

DEEP's Agricultural Wastewater

Webpage: https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Water-Regulating-and-Discharges/Agricultural-Wastewater

CAFO General Permit and Registration

Form: https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Permits-and-Licenses/Water-Discharge-Permits-and-General-**Permits**

NRCS Nutrient Management (590) Practice Standards:https://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/api/CPS File/43878/590 CT CPS Nutrient Management 2023

EPA Animal Feeding Operations:

https://www.epa.gov/npdes/animal-feedingoperations-afos

EPA & Animal Agriculture Sector Collaboration: https://epa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index .html?appid=d3a5b53dbdf94fb2a4bbd5d2af1def0 7

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Is the farm an Animal Feeding Operation defined as: a lot or facility (other than an aquatic animal production facility) where animals (other than aquatic animals) have been, are, or will be stabled or confined and fed or maintained for a total of NO. This is not a 45 days or more in any 12-month period, AND crops, vegetation, forage growth, CAFO. or post-harvest residues are not sustained in the normal growing season over any portion of the lot or facility? YES. Does the farm have: YES. Does the farm have: (i)200 to 699 mature dairy cows, whether milked or (i)700 mature dairy cows, whether milked or dry; (ii) 1,000 veal calves; (ii) 300 to 999 veal calves; (iii) 1,000 cattle other than mature dairy cows or veal (iii) 300 to 999 cattle other than mature dairy cows or calves. Cattle includes but is not limited to heifers, veal calves. Cattle includes but is not limited to heifers, steers, bulls and cow/calf pairs; steers, bulls and cow/calf pairs; (iv) 2,500 swine each weighing 55 pounds or more; (iv) 750 to 2,499 swine each weighing 55 pounds or (v) 10,000 swine each weighing less than 55 pounds; (vi) 500 horses; (v) 3,000 to 9,999 swine each weighing less than 55 (vii) 10,000 sheep or lambs; pounds; (viii) 55,000 turkeys; Option 2 Option 1 (vi) 150 to 499 horses; (ix) 30,000 laying hens or broilers, if the AFO uses a (vii) 3,000 to 9,999 sheep or lambs; liquid manure handling system; (viii) 16,500 to 54,999 turkeys; (x) 125,000 chickens (other than laying hens), if the (ix) 9,000 to 29,999 laying hens or broilers, if the AFO AFO uses other than a liquid manure handling uses a liquid manure handling system; (x) 37,500 to 124,999 chickens (other than laying hens), (xi) 82,000 laying hens, if the AFO uses other than a if the AFO uses other than a liquid manure handling liquid manure handling system; (xii) 30,000 ducks (if the AFO uses other than a liquid (xi) 25,000 to 81,999 laying hens, if the AFO uses other manure handling system); or than a liquid manure handling system; (xiii) 5,000 ducks (if the AFO uses a liquid manure (xii) 10,000 to 29,999 ducks (if the AFO uses other than handling system). a liquid manure handling system); or (xiii) 1,500 to 4,999 ducks (if the AFO uses a liquid manure handling system); YES. Are pollutants discharged: (i) into waters of the United States through a YES. This facility NO. This may be a qualifies as a large medium CAFO. man-made ditch, flushing system, or other Follow Option 2. similar man-made device; OR NO. This is not a (ii) directly into waters of the United States which originate outside of and pass over, across, or through the facility or otherwise come into direct contact with the animals confined in the operation. YES. This is a NO. This is not a medium CAFO.

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