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DATE: October 30, 2020

TO: Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors

CC: John Robbins, Cerro Gordo County Planning and Zoning

FROM: Daniel Ries, Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health

SUBJECT: Manure Management Plan for Elk Run Farms, Inc. (Paul Finisher Farm #64027)

This report is being written to make you aware of concerns regarding a Manure Management Plan Annual Update received by this office from **Elk Run Farms, Inc. (Paul Finisher Farm #64027)** swine operation. This report is being submitted according to Resolution 2003-123 **A Resolution Adopting Policy for the Receipt, Review and Comment on Manure Management Plans Received by the Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors**. Within seven (7) days of receipt of the manure management plan the Environmental Service Manager shall review the Manure Management Plan and prepare a report to the Board of Supervisors detailing the issues to be forwarded to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

The facility is located at **334 250th Street, Meservey in Section 4 of Wisner Township in Franklin County** a mile south of the Cerro Gordo-Franklin County line. The capacity of the facility is 5,000 hogs. The 1,277,500 gallons of manure produced at this facility is stored in indoor formed pits. The plan consists of a total of 1,422 acres on sixteen (16) fields. None of the fields are designated as HEL (highly erodible land). Only one field is in Cerro Gordo County; the remaining fields are in Franklin County. The one field in Cerro Gordo County is 39.1 acres and is located in Section 33 of Grimes Township.

The only changes referenced in the plan are change in crop rotation or optimum yields and use of manure analysis. The concerns for this report related to Cerro Gordo County are listed below:

- The manure application area in Section 33 of Grimes Township is about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile from the city of Meservey.

If you have any questions regarding this information feel free to contact this office at (641) 421-9338 or dries@cghealth.com.



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November 3, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

CC: Daniel Ries, Senior Environmental Health Specialist

FROM: John Robbins

SUBJECT: Manure Management Plan Update for Elk Run Farms, Inc.

Gentlemen:

This office is in receipt of a Manure Management Plan Update form for Elk Run Farms, Inc. for a facility located in Franklin County. The update states crop rotation or optimum yields have changed and that manure analysis is being used to determine application rates.

The plan addresses the application of manure on 16 fields totaling 1,422 acres. Only one of the 16 fields is located in Cerro Gordo County. This field is in Section 33 of Grimes Township and is shown on the attached map. There is no change to the number of acres on which manure will be applied from the previous year. Manure will be applied at varying rates in crop years 2020-2021. The field does not contain highly erodible land. Manure will be injected directly into the soil.

The field in Section 33 does not contain a flood hazard area. Runoff is less of a concern since manure will be injected into the soil.

Meservey city limits are $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile west of the field in Section 33. There are two city parks in Meservey about $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles west of the field. There are only two dwellings in Cerro Gordo County within $\frac{1}{2}$ -mile of the field on which manure will be applied.

The field in Section 33 can only be accessed by gravel road. Rutting or other damage may result to gravel roads if manure is hauled over them after periods of wet weather or when frost boils are emerging.

In summary, my concerns with the plan are possible odor impacts on the city of Meservey, nearby public use areas, and dwellings; and the possible damage to gravel roads.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Attachment



Facility

Paul Finisher Farm # 64027
334 250th St
Meservey, IA 50457

Date Due:
11/01/2020

Date Received:
10/28/2020

Date Approved:
10/29/2020

Owner

Tony Thies
Elk Run Farms

Contact

Keith Kratchmer
Tony Thies

Prior to making changes in manure management practices, update the on-site copy to show actual changes. Please select changes below and include all changes in your current, on-site MMP.

- I have made no changes to my MMP
- I have added acres
- Change Crop Rotation or Optimum Yields
- Changed Application Method
- Used manure analysis
- I am electing to be a small animal feeding operation (SAFO) or facility capacity has changed
- I have made other changes to my MMP Describe :

- I sell all manure with a Chapter 200A license through the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.
- In addition to selling manure as indicated above, I also apply manure to fields using a manure management plan.

County Notifications

The following counties have been notified:

Cerro Gordo
Franklin

Animal Unit Capacity / Payment Summary

Animal Type	Head	AUC	Amount (AUC * 0.15)
Swine Wean to Finish	5000	2000.00	\$300.00
Total	5000	2000.00	\$300.00

I, Kent Pliner, attest that the information indicated above is accurate and complete.

Comments