



Animal Feeding Operation (AFO) Regulatory Status

Facility Name: _____ Facility ID: _____ County: _____

- Large CAFO – Discharging – NPDES Permit Required
- Large CAFO – No discharge – No NPDES Permit Required
- Large CAFO – Has NPDES Permit
- Medium CAFO – NPDES Permit Required
- Medium AFO – No NPDES Required
- Medium AFO – Has NPDES Permit
- Designated CAFO – NPDES Permit Required
- Small AFO – No NPDES Permit Required

This determination was made based on conditions and observations made at the time of the _____ on _____ (Date of Inspection). Please note that the regulatory status of the facility can change if conditions at the facility change or are different from those documented during the

Inspector: _____ Date: _____

Regulatory Definitions of Large CAFOs, Medium CAFOs, and Small CAFOs

These regulatory definitions are from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), implementing the federal Clean Water Act.

A **Large CAFO** confines at least the number of animals described in the table below.

A **Medium CAFO** falls within the size range in the table below and either:

- “(A) Pollutants are discharged into waters of the United States through a man-made ditch, flushing system, or other similar man-made device; or
- (B) Pollutants are discharged 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.” 40 CFR 122.23(b)(6)(ii)

If an operation is found to be a significant contributor of pollutants to waters of the United States, the permitting authority may designate a medium-sized facility as a CAFO as provided in 40 CFR 122.23(c).

A **Small CAFO** confines the number of animals listed in the table **and** has been designated as a CAFO by the permitting authority after determining that it is a significant contributor of pollutants to waters of the United States as provided in 40 CFR 122.23(c).

Animal Sector	Size Thresholds (number of animals)		
	Large CAFOs	Medium CAFOs	Small CAFOs
cattle or cow/calf pairs	1,000 or more	300 – 999	less than 300
mature dairy cattle	700 or more	200 – 699	less than 200
veal calves	1,000 or more	300 – 999	less than 300
swine (weighing over 55 pounds)	2,500 or more	750 -2,499	less than 750
swine (weighing less than 55 pounds)	10,000 or more	3,000 – 9,999	less than 3,000
horses	500 or more	150 – 499	less than 150
sheep or lambs	10,000 or more	3,000 – 9,999	less than 3,000
turkeys	55,000 or more	16,500 – 54,999	less than 16,500
chickens other than laying hens (other than a liquid manure handling system)	125,000 or more	37,500 – 124,999	less than 37,500
laying hens (other than a liquid manure handling system)	82,000 or more	25,000 – 81,999	less than 25,000