

What is a CAFO (Industrial Farm)?

- “Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation” = CAFO (Industrial Producers)
- Houses hundreds to multiple thousands of animals in confined warehouse style buildings – no little red barns and few (if any) pastures on these industrial agriculture properties
- There are nearly 300 CAFOs in Wisconsin alone
- Wisconsin currently has 14 hog CAFOs statewide



Why are CAFOs a Concern?

- Barns emit toxic gases/odors – risks to workers and neighboring residences
- Huge problems with animal wastes (volume) and farm field spreading creates issues with ground and surface water pollution (algae-green lakes, fish kills, undrinkable water in private homes)
https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/docs/understanding_cafos_nalboh.pdf
- Infiltration of bacteria into wetlands, lakes, rivers and streams
- Private well contamination issues (nitrates and bacteria such as e. coli, salmonella, etc.)
- Overuse of antibiotics due to close proximity of animals to each other (residual medications in meat, milk, & cheese linked to antibiotic resistance in humans)
<https://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/sites/default/files/Antibiotic%20Resistance%20101%20Report%20March%202015.pdf>
- Creates monopolies in the meat industry (741 family farms went out of business in Wisconsin since April 2018 according to WI DATCP)
- Decreased property values for surrounding rural residents within 3 miles of the facility
- Self-reporting by industrial producers of violations (spills) is not working; DNR staff only cited 4% of violations committed by industrial producers per the Legislative Audit Report in June 2016

What about proposed Burnett/Polk County CAFO (Suidae Health & Production are the industrial ag owners)?

- Close proximity to St. Croix River – located in the St. Croix River watershed
- Close proximity to Fish Lake Wildlife Area
- Proposal for 26,350 hogs in this one location
- 6.8 million gallons of manure produced annually and spread on area fields where runoff into groundwater, rivers, and streams is a high possibility
- <https://permits.dnr.wi.gov/water/SitePages/DocSetViewDet.aspx?DocSet=AG-APP-NO-2019-7-X03-15T17-21-55> Cumberland, llc application
- Potential expansion to include slaughterhouse (along with its contaminants)
- Out-of-state company with no roots in Wisconsin – not a local family farmer to approach with concerns



What Can You Do??

- [Become a supporter](#) of KnowCAFOs.org
- [Donate](#) to KnowCAFOs.org
- Stay in the loop on Facebook at [Farms not Factory Farms Burnett County Wisconsin](#)
<https://www.facebook.com/FarmsNotFactoryFarmsBurnett/>
- Sign our petition to request Burnett County implement a moratorium to conduct and environmental impact study:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd_Dx0SZx16cUkSE85P7ZcXsVOqwWXwSjT3vhzA3rZG4by2RA/viewform
- Attend Burnett County Board meetings; Burnett County Land Use and Natural Resources Committee meetings <http://burnettcounty.com/Calendar.aspx>
- Contact your local Town chairman: <http://burnettcounty.com/index.aspx?nid=467>
- Contact the below officials with your concerns

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