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Medium CAFO Designations Worksheet

This worksheet is to be used in conjunction with the guidance document entitled “Medium CAFO Designations for Animal Feeding Operations (AFOs)” to determine if your operation would be considered a Medium CAFO under the CAFO General SPDES Permit (GP-04-02). This worksheet should be completed with the help of a resource professional. Staff from County Soil & Water Conservation Districts, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Cornell Cooperative Extension, or private Certified Comprehensive Nutrient Management Planner can be contacted for assistance.

1. Does your facility (other than an aquatic animal production facility) stable or confine animals for a total of 45 days or more in any 12-month period and the animal confinement areas do not sustain crops, vegetation, forage growth, or post-harvest residues in the normal growing season?

Yes No

If no, you are not a medium CAFO. If yes, you could still be a CAFO, please continue.

2. Does your facility stable or confine animals within any of the following categories?
- 200-699 Mature Dairy Cows, whether milked or dry
 - 300-999 Veal Calves
 - 300-999 Cattle, other than mature dairy cows or veal calves (Cattle includes but is not limited to heifers, steers, bulls and cow/calf pairs)
 - 750-2,499 Swine, each weighing 55 pounds or more
 - 3,000-9,999 Swine each weighing less than 55 pounds
 - 150-499 Horses
 - 3,000-9,999 Sheep or Lambs
 - 16,500-54,999 Turkeys
 - 9,000-29,999 Laying Hens or Broilers, if the AFO uses a liquid manure handling system
 - 37,500-124,999 Chickens (other than laying hens), no liquid manure handling system
 - 25,000-81,999 Laying Hens, if the AFO uses other than liquid manure handling systems
 - 10,000-29,999 Ducks, if the AFO uses other than a liquid manure handling system
 - 1,500-4,999 Ducks, if the AFO uses a liquid manure handling system

Yes No

If no, you are not a medium CAFO. If yes, you could still be a medium CAFO, please continue.

- 3A. Are all of the following USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Practice Standard NY-590 Nutrient Management components fully completed and current at your facility?
- The amount, placement, and timing of manure applications are consistent with the standard and the current Cornell Guidelines.

- Soil tests for nutrient content for each crop field have been performed and are less than three years old and will be maintained less than three years old.
- The nutrient content of each manure source (e.g. milking cows, heifers, dry cows if handled separately) is analyzed annually.
- The NY Phosphorus Index (PI) runoff risk reduction tool is being utilized on each crop field and management of P application is consistent with the PI rating.
- NY Nitrogen Leaching Index (N-Leach Index) risk assessment tool is being utilized on each crop field and management of N application is consistent with the index rating.
- Soil erosion, runoff, and water management controls have been implemented, as needed, on fields that receive manure.
- Required setbacks from waterbodies, wells, springs, and sinkholes are being maintained when applying manure.
- Manure application equipment is being regularly calibrated and maintained. In addition, manure application equipment records are maintained.

Yes

No

If no, you are a medium CAFO. If yes, please continue.

3B. Are all production areas under roof or is all runoff from production areas directed to Best Management Practices that are designed and installed according to NRCS BMPs (e.g. Vegetative Filter Areas)?

Yes

No

3C. Is your production area sited a considerable distance from surface water, including man-made ditches and waterways leading you to believe manure or process wastewater will not reach these waterbodies or conveyances during any climatic condition?

Yes

No

If either 3B or 3C is yes (and 3A is yes), you may reasonably conclude that you are not a medium CAFO. If both are no, you are a medium CAFO.

If review of the information above and your on-site consultation with a Resource Professional leads you to determine you do not discharge, then you may reasonably conclude you are not a CAFO and permit coverage is not required. Please sign this worksheet and keep for your records. This worksheet must be available upon request to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Before making a final determination to not apply for permit coverage, or withdraw from coverage the Fact Sheet entitled “New York State CAFO Permit Program Benefits” should be reviewed.

Owner/Operator Certification

I have determined with the help of a resource professional and using the guidance document entitled “Medium CAFO Designations for Animal Feeding Operations (AFOs)” that I do not discharge process wastewater into the waters of the State.

Name (Print or Type)

Signature

Date