

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Feedlot Program

2017 Annual County Feedlot Officer Report

Supplemental Information Page

January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Swift County

Please describe the progress made in meeting your 2017 work plan inspection goals. You must provide quantitative results for each inspection production site and land application goal listed in your work plan.

Swift County has focused this year on getting all feedlots registered that are required to do so. There were only several left at the end of the year. Under inspection goals we have worked with sites planning construction and expansion and going to sites not inspected before. Sites that have not been maintaining records but are compliant with facility operation are given record forms and will be scheduled for level 2 inspections in the coming year. Moving forward there will be more level 2 and level 3 inspections done under the new work plan.

Please report on the following owner assistance activities conducted in the past year. Include **date and description** for each activity listed.

- Workshops or trainings hosted and/or co-sponsored by the county feedlot officer (CFO): On March 8th we held our annual producer meeting at the Benson Bowler and the theme of the meeting was to start the re-registration process. There were 47 producers in attendance and many stayed after the meeting to discuss and finish their re-registrations. At the meeting County staff discusses the Feedlot Program and producers have a chance to go over any plans or questions going into the coming year.
- Newsletters/direct mailings sent to feedlot owners: There were two direct mailings this year covering the planned producer meeting in March and the feedlot registration letter that was mailed early in the year.
- Feedlot articles placed in local newspapers: Two Conditional Use Permit expansions were noticed in the paper. Johnson Dairy expanded their dairy herd and Spring Valley Farms constructed a new swine finish barn.
- Other information and outreach activities not identified above:

Please list the training events each CFO attended. Include the date and number of continuing education units (CEUs) for each event.

1/11/17- WebEx- Annual CFO Report Form- 1.25 CEU
3/22/17- Tempo Data Entry Review- 1 CEU
4/11,12,13/17- MACFO Conference- Moorhead- 13 CEU
4/19/17- WebEx- Tempo business processes- 1 CEU
6/21/17- Tempo new interface- 1.5 CEU

6/28/17- WebEx location screen training- 1.25 CEU
7/25/17- WebEx- Tempo return to compliance- .5 CEU
10/18/17- WebEx- Watershed Approach, Del. Agreement Work Plan
New Inspection Checklist- .75 CEU
11/13/17- Inspection Checklist- .75 CEU
11/15/17- WebEx- CFO Toolbox Revisions- .5 CEU
12/4/17- Regional Meeting- St Cloud- 4 CEU

Please describe any enforcement actions (LOW, NOV, court actions) conducted.

In December a complaint was received regarding a manure application occurring near the Benson airport by a custom applicator. Stockpiles of transferred manure were located on irrigated cropland and box spreaders were being used to apply on frozen ground. A level 3 inspection was conducted and determined that continued application would risk discharge from the field before Spring incorporation could occur. The application was halted and the custom applicator agreed to finish in the Spring when application and incorporation could be done together. Swift County chooses in some cases to enforce by inspection, looking at environmental risk and moving forward with agreement at the site. In this case enforcement was done through a non-compliant inspection and agreement on compliance.

Please list sites where a MinnFARM was conducted. List the number of MinnFARMS conducted at each site.

MinnFARM evaluations were not needed at sites inspected in 2017. Several sites are scheduled for MinnFARM's this Spring including a new registration with plans to increase au's and make changes to lots to remain compliant.

Please list mentorship documentation.

The Pope/Swift Feedlot Officer has worked with mentoring and has been in contact with Mark Kepp from Douglas County to assist in a plan to work with a non-compliant feedlot where the producer is currently not cooperating with meeting to discuss open lot discharge issues.

Please list any meetings, including dates, which were attended with local units of government and producer groups (SWCD, NRCS, Minnesota Extension Service, Dairy Inspectors, Minnesota Pork Producers, Minnesota Dairy Association, Minnesota Cattlemen's Association).

The Feedlot Officer continues to be involved with staff of NRCS and SWCD regarding programs and funding for producers. Local meetings of the Glacial Ridge Cattlemen's Association are attended and this year the local group hosted the State Cattlemen Tour on July 11 in Pope County at the Jim Wulf Ranch. MPCA was present with a booth in the vendor area. The Feedlot Officer was involved in months of meetings planning the event and worked as a guide on a tour bus. The Feedlot Program stays connected to producer groups and is focused on owner assistance.

Please describe any feedlot ordinance revision and/or adoption proceedings. Swift County has not moved to revise its Feedlot Ordinance and staff has discussed the need to address some issues with land application and stockpiling that may require some language in the ordinance.

Please list any county feedlot program activities conducted not identified in this form.