

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND INFORMATIONAL HEARING AND INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0056308-07-0

Permittee: Daybreak Foods Creekwood Cage Free, N5344 Crossman Road, Lake Mills, WI, 53551

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Layer Facility- N5344 Crossman Road, Lake Mills, WI 53551; S ½ of SE ¼ Sec. 27, T07N, R13E; Pullet Facility- N5432 County Road A, Lake Mills, WI 53551; SW ¼ of SW ¼ Sec. 27, T07N, R13E; Old Pullet Facility- N5505 Crossman Road, Lake Mills, WI 53551; NE ¼ of SW ¼ Sec. 27, T07N, R13E

Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater within the Unnamed tributaries to the Koshkonong Creek and the Crawfish River Watersheds

Brief Facility Description : Daybreak Foods Creekwood Cage Free is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) located in the Township of Lake Mills in Jefferson County, WI. Daybreak Foods Creek Wood Cage Free is owned and operated by Daybreak Foods Inc. Daybreak Foods Creekwood Cage Free consists of a Layer Facility located N5344 Crossman Road, Pullet Facility at N5432 County Road A, and the Old Pullet Facility at N5505 Crossman Road. The Layer Site consist of five-layer barns, one solid manure storage and processing building, and egg washing and processing building. The Pullet Facility consists of 3 pullet barns and associated manure load out areas. The Old Pullet Facility has two old pullet buildings used for storage and the three-stage process wastewater waste storage facility used to store egg wash water.

The current flock size is 25,527 animal units (2,075,340 layer chickens, and 624,000 pullets). There is no planned expansion during this permit term. Daybreak Foods Creekwood Cage Free currently produces approximately 7,068,300 gallons of process wastewater, and approximately 50,000 tons of solid manure annually. All solid manure, eggshells, and composted mortalities are processed and sold as commercial fertilizer under their Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection Fertilizer License. Daybreak Foods Creekwood Cage Free currently has 519.4 acres (23.5 owned and 495.9 controlled through contracts, rental agreements or leases, or under manure agreements) of which 480.8 are spreadable acres.

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be reissued.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Eric Struck, WDNR, 141 NW Barstow Street, Suite 180, Waukesha, WI, 53188-3789, (608) 422-1512, Eric.Struck@wisconsin.gov

Informational Hearing Date, Time, and Location:

December 11, 2025, 3 pm, Virtual Hearing using Zoom. If you want to attend the hearing, please fill out the registration form at the following link:

: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/sKcuf-9kQDCXyTAvuuoSiw>

The Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to Section 283.49, Wisconsin Statutes, has scheduled a public informational hearing for the purpose of giving all interested persons an opportunity to make a statement with respect to the proposed permit action, the terms of the nutrient management plan, and the application for this operation.

The hearing officer will conduct the hearing in an orderly fashion and will use procedures specified in Subchapter II of ch. NR 203, Wis. Adm. Code, necessary to insure broad public participation in the hearing.

The hearing office will open the hearing and make a concise statement of the scope and purpose of the hearing and shall state what procedures will be use during the course of the hearing. The hearing officer shall explain the method of notification of the final decision to grant or deny the permit and the methods by which the decision may be reviewed in a public adjudicatory hearing.

The hearing officer may place limits on individual oral statements to insure an opportunity for all persons present to make statements in a reasonable period of time and to prevent undue repetition. The hearing officer may also limit the number of representatives making oral statements on behalf of any person or group.

Informational and clarifying questions and oral statements shall be directed through the hearing officer. Cross-examination shall not be allowed.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, the terms of the nutrient management plan, or the application, are invited to do so by attending the public hearing or by submitting any comments or objections

in writing to the Department of Natural Resources, at the above named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received from members of the public no later than 7 days following the date of this public hearing will be used, along with other information on file and testimony presented at the hearing, in making a final determination. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision regarding permit coverage. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit and fact sheet (if required), the operation's nutrient management plan and application may be inspected and copied at the permit drafter's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action and hearing may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (608) 422-1512 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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