

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-0056308-06-0

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

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Daybreak Foods Creekwood Cage Free, N5344 and N5505 Crossman Road, and N5432 County Highway A, Lake Mills

Receiving Water And Location: Unnamed tributaries to the Lower Koshkonong Creek and the Lower Crawfish River watersheds and groundwaters of the state

Brief Facility Description : Daybreak Foods Creekwood Cage Free is a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation owned and operated by Daybreak Foods Inc. Daybreak Foods Creekwood Cage Free recently changed its name from Daybreak Foods Inc. – Creekwood Farm.

The facility is a recently renovated cage free egg laying operation with 2,075,340 laying chickens in five barns and 624,000 pullets in three barns for a total of 25,527 animal units. The previous facility was almost completely replaced during the renovation (2017 – 2020). The farm submitted a timely application allowing it to maintain permit coverage until the permit is reissued. There are no current plans to expand the facility during the proposed permit term.

Approximately 22,000 gallons of egg wash wastewater are produced daily at the egg processing facility. The wastewater is processed prior to being stored and land applied to cropland following an approved Nutrient Management Plan (NMP). The facility produces approximately 50,000 tons of solid chicken manure annually. Manure is conveyed out of the barns and into the Manure Drying and Processing building where it is dried and processed into a fertilizer. Dried manure (fertilizer) is transferred to a third party for distribution in accordance with the approved NMP. Daybreak Foods Creekwood Cage Free has a total of 477 acres available for land application of manure and process wastewater. Of this acreage, all the acres are rented.

A previous adjacent third-party operation (Unlimited Renewables) that processed manure for this facility is no longer in existence and the permit is being discontinued in conjunction with this action.

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be reissued. This WPDES permit action is an integrated analysis action under s. NR 150.20(2), Wis. Adm. Code, and does not require a separate action under NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code.

For further information on the proposed permit and the facility, please visit the Department web page for Daybreak Foods Creekwood Cage Free at: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/CAFO/RecentPermits.html>

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Mark Cain, DNR, 3911 Fish Hatchery Rd, Fitchburg, WI, 53711, (608) 516-5434, Mark.Cain@wisconsin.gov

Informational Hearing Date, Time, and Location:

September 21, 2020, 10 am, Virtual Hearing using Zoom. If you want to attend the hearing, please fill out the registration form at the following link:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJJudOuqjkrGtKQ2fDciQLxwnawxOwmZ6Gx>

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 officer 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 ensure 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 may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (608) 516-5434 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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