

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0066494-02-0

Permittee: Horsens Homestead Farms, LLC, W1980 County Road C, Cecil, WI, 54111

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Horsens Homestead Farms, LLC, W1980 County Road C Cecil

Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater within the **Oconto River** Watersheds

Brief Facility Description Horsens Homestead Farms LLC is a proposed Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). Horsens Homestead Farms LLC is owned and operated by members of the Horsens family. It currently has 2,385 animal units and is not proposing an expansion during the permit term. Based on current herd size, Horsens Homestead Farms LLC has approximately 180 days of available liquid waste storage and generates approximately 20,919,944 gallons of manure and process wastewater annually. Horsens Homestead Farms LLC has submitted plans for an additional waste storage facility to be included in this permit. When the new waste storage facility is constructed, the farm will have approximately 19 million gallons of available liquid manure storage which equates to 364 days of storage. Horsens Homestead Farms LLC has a total of 2,415 acres available for land application of manure and process wastewater. Of this acreage, 943 acres are owned and 1472 acres are controlled through contracts, rental agreements, leases, or manure agreements. Of this acreage, 2,287 are considered spreadable acres.

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

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Brian Hanson, DNR, 647 Lakeland Rd, Shawano, WI, 54166-3843, (920) 366-3302, Brian.Hanson@wisconsin.gov

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, the terms of the nutrient management plan, or the application, or to request a public informational hearing may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is re-issued. 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. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be re-issued as proposed.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if within 30 days of the public date of this notice, a request for a hearing is filed by any person. The Department shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from USEPA or from 5 or more persons or if the Department determines there is significant public interest. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

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 (920) 366-3302 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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