

## Permit Fact Sheet

### General Information

Permit Number	WI-0065111-03-0
Permittee Name and Address	Johnson Hill Farm LLC 5503 Marken Road, Valders, WI 54323
Permitted Facility Name and Address	Johnson Hill Farm LLC 5503 Marken Road; Valders, WI 54323
Permit Term	February 01, 2026 to January 31, 2031
Discharge Location	5503 Marken Road; Valders, WI 54323; T18N, R22E, SW ¼ of Sec 5
Receiving Water	Mud Creek within the Lower Manitowoc River Watershed, and groundwaters of the state
Discharge Type	Existing

Animal Units					
	Current AU		Proposed AU (Note: If all zeroes, expansions are not expected during permit term)		
Animal Type	Mixed	Individual	Mixed	Individual	Date of Proposed Expansion
Dairy Calves (under 400 lbs.)	38	0	0	0	
Milking and Dry Cows	1260	1287	0	0	
Heifers (400 lbs. to 800 lbs.)	138	230	0	0	
Heifers (800 lbs. to 1200 lbs.)	264	240	0	0	
Total	1700	1287	0	0	

### Facility Description

Johnson Hill Farm LLC is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). Johnson Hill Farm LLC is owned and operated by the Johnson Family. The current dairy herd size is 1,700 animal units (900 milking & dry cows, 470 heifers, and 190 calves). There are no planned expansions in the next permit term. The herd annually generates approximately 14,725,456 gallons of manure and process wastewater. Johnson Hill Farm LLC has 265 days of liquid waste storage onsite. Johnson Hill Farm LLC currently has 1,856 acres (312 owned and 1,544 controlled through contracts, rental agreements or leases, or under manure agreements) of which 1,544 are spreadable acres.

### Substantial Compliance Determination

After a desk top review of all discharge monitoring reports, land application reports, compliance schedule items, and a site visit on 11/15/2024, this facility has been found to be in substantial compliance with their current permit.

**Compliance determination made by Trent Brenny (WDNR CAFO Specialist) on 8/29/2025.**

## Sample Point Descriptions

Sample Point Designation For Animal Waste		
Sample Point Number	Sample Point Location, Waste Type/Sample Contents and Treatment Description (as applicable)	
001	WSF 1: Sample point (001) is for liquid waste storage facility 1 (WSF 1) located at Johnson Hill Farm LLC. WSF 1 is an earthen storage located west of the heifer and calf barns. The facility has a capacity of 869,644 gallons and was constructed in 1987. This storage accepts manure and process wastewater from the heifer barn, calf barn, and the outdoor lot.	
002	WSF 2: Sample point (002) is for liquid waste storage facility 2 (WSF 2) located at Johnson Hill Farm LLC. WSF 2 is a concrete storage located to the east of the freestall barns and is the first cell of the two-stage waste storage facility. The facility has a capacity of 1,600,652 gallons and was constructed in 2007. This storage accepts manure and process wastewater from the milking parlor and the freestall barns.	
003	WSF 3: Sample point (003) is for liquid waste storage facility 3 (WSF 3) located at Johnson Hill Farm LLC. WSF 3 is a concrete storage located to the east of WSF 2 and is the second cell of the two-stage waste storage facility. The facility has a capacity of 8,216,102 gallons and was constructed in 2014. This storage accepts manure and process wastewater WSF 2, WSF 4, and the feed storage area.	
004	WSF 4: Sample point (004) is for the solid waste storage facility (WSF 4) located at the Johnson Hill Farm LLC. WSF 4 is a concrete solids stacking pad adjacent to WSF 3. The facility has a capacity of 400 tons and was constructed in 2014. This storage accepts manure and process wastewater from the animal barns onsite.	
005	Sample point (005) is for and manure solids removed from bottom of liquid waste storage facilities. This includes manure-laden sand solids, manure fiber solids, etc. Representative samples shall be taken from each waste storage facility.	
006	Sample point (006) is for visual monitoring and inspection of the feed storage area and associated runoff control system located at Johnson Hill Farm LLC. Proper operation and maintenance is required to ensure discharges of process wastewater to waters of the state do not occur. Weekly inspections are required and shall be recorded according to monitoring program. The vegetated treatment area will be maintained according to the operation and maintenance plan.	
007	Sample point (007) is for visual monitoring and inspection of the outdoor lot and associated runoff control system located at Johnson Hill Farm LLC. Feedlot runoff drains into WSF 1. Proper operation and maintenance is required to ensure discharges to waters of the state do not occur. Weekly inspections are required and shall be recorded according to monitoring program.	
008	Sample point (008) is for solid manure sources that are directly land applied and not stored in a waste storage facility. This includes solid sources such as calf hutch manure, maternity pen bedpack, heifer bedpack, steer manure, etc. Representative samples shall be taken for each manure source type.	
009	Sample point (009) is for solid manure stacked in approved headland stacking locations. Representative samples shall be taken of this manure prior to land application. Note: Headland stacking sites are subject to production site discharge limitations; weekly visual monitoring is required during use of stacking sites to ensure discharges meet permit requirements.	
010	Sample point (010) is for visual monitoring and inspection of all production site storm water conveyance systems. This includes roof gutter and downspout structures, drainage tile systems, grassed waterways and	

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	other diversion systems that transport uncontaminated storm water. Proper operation and maintenance is required to keep uncontaminated runoff diverted away from manure and process wastewater handling systems. Weekly inspections are required and shall be recorded according to monitoring program.	

## Permit Requirements

### 1 Livestock Operations - Proposed Operation and Management

#### Production Area Discharge Limitations

Beginning on the effective date of the permit, the permittee may not discharge pollutants from the operation's production area (e.g., manure storage areas, outdoor animal lots, composting and leachate containment systems, milking center wastewater treatment/containment systems, raw material storage areas) to navigable waters, except in the event a 25-year, 24-hour rainfall event (or greater) causes the discharge from a structure which is properly designed and maintained to contain a 25-year, 24-hour rainfall event for this location as determined under s. NR 243.04. If an allowable discharge occurs from the production area, state water quality standards may not be exceeded.

#### Runoff Control

The permit requires control of contaminated runoff from all elements of the production area to prevent a discharge of pollutants to navigable waters in accordance with the Production Area Discharge Limitations and to comply with surface water quality standards and groundwater standards. Beginning on the effective date of this permit, (if needed) interim measures shall be implemented to prevent discharges of pollutants to navigable waters. In addition, permanent runoff control system(s) shall be designed, operated and maintained in accordance with the requirements found in USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service standards and ch. NR 243, Wis. Adm. Code. If any upgrading or modifications to runoff controls are necessary, formal engineering plans and specifications must be submitted to the Department for approval.

#### Manure and Process Wastewater Storage

The permit requires the operation to have adequate storage for manure and process wastewater and that storage or containment facilities are designed, operated and maintained to prevent overflows and discharges to waters of the state. In order to prevent overflows, the permittee must maintain levels of materials in liquid storage or containment facilities at or below certain levels including a one foot margin of safety that can never be exceeded. If any upgrading or modifications to the storage facilities are necessary, formal engineering plans and specifications must be submitted to the Department for approval.

The permittee currently has approximately 265 days of storage for liquid manure. The permittee must maintain 180 days of storage, unless temporary reductions in required storage are approved by the Department.

#### Solid Manure Stacking

The operation has proposed to stack solid manure. All stacking of solid manure shall be done in accordance ch. NR 243, Wis. Adm. Code, which includes restrictions from NRCS Standard 313. Stacking of manure is considered to be part of the production area and is subject to the Production Area Discharge Limitations.

## **Ancillary Service and Storage Areas**

The permittee shall take preventative maintenance actions and conduct visual inspections to minimize pollutant discharges from areas of the operation that are not part of the production area or land application areas. These areas are called ancillary service and storage areas and include access roads, shipping and receiving areas, maintenance areas, refuse piles and CAFO outdoor vegetated areas.

## **Nutrient Management**

With 1,700 animal units, it is estimated that approximately 14,725,456 gallons of manure and process wastewater will be produced per year. The permittee owns *approximately* 312 acres of cropland and rents about 1,544 acres. Given the rotation commonly used by the permittee, 1,544 acres are available (or open) to receive manure and process wastewater on an annual basis. The permit requires all landspreading of manure and process wastewater be completed in accordance with an approved nutrient management plan. The permit will require sampling and analysis of manure and process wastewater that will be landspread. Landspreading rates must be adjusted based on sample analysis. The permit requires the permittee to maintain a daily log that documents landspreading activities. The permit also requires the submittal of an annual report that summarizes all landspreading activities. Plans must be updated annually to reflect cropping plans and other operational changes. Among the requirements, the plans must include detailed landspreading information including field by field nutrient budgets.

The permittee is required to implement a number of practices to address potential water quality impacts associated with the land application of manure and process wastewater. Among the permit conditions are restrictions on manure ponding, restrictions on runoff of manure and process wastewater from cropped fields, and setbacks from wells and direct conduits to groundwater (e.g., sinkholes, fractured bedrock at the surface). In addition, the permittee must implement a phosphorus based nutrient management plan that addresses phosphorus delivery to surface waters by basing manure and process wastewater applications on soil test phosphorus levels or the Wisconsin Phosphorus index. Additional phosphorus application restrictions apply to fields that are high in soil test phosphorus (>100 ppm).

The permittee must also implement conservation practices when applying manure near navigable waters and their conduits, referred to as the Surface Water Quality Management Area (SWQMA). These practices include a 100-foot setback from navigable waters and their conduits, a 35-foot vegetated buffer adjacent to the navigable water or conduit, or a practice that provides equivalent pollutant reductions equivalent to or better than the 100-foot setback.

In addition, the permittee must comply with restrictions on land application of manure and process wastewater on frozen or snow-covered ground. Included in these restrictions is a prohibition on surface applications of solid manure ( $\geq 12\%$  solids) on frozen or snow-covered ground during February and March. Non-emergency surface applications of liquid manure ( $< 12\%$ ) on frozen or snow-covered ground are prohibited.

## **Monitoring and Sampling Requirements**

The permittee must submit a monitoring and inspection program that outlines how the permittee will conduct self-inspections to determine compliance with permit conditions. These self-inspections include visual inspections of water lines, diversion devices, storage and containment structures and other parts of the production area. The permit requires periodic inspections and calibrations of landspreading equipment. The permittee must take corrective actions to problems identified in inspections or otherwise notify the Department. Samples of manure, process wastewater and soils receiving land applied materials from the operation must also be collected and analyzed.

## **Sampling Points**

The permit identifies the different sources of land applied materials (e.g., manure storage facilities, milking centers, egg-washing facilities) as "Sampling Points." For these Sampling Points, the permittee is required to sample and analyze the different sources for nutrients and other parameters which serve as the basis for determining rates of application for these materials. Other areas are also identified as Sampling Points as a means of identifying them as areas requiring action by

the permittee, such as an upgrade or evaluation of a certain system or structure (e.g., runoff control systems), even though sampling is not actually required.

### 1.1 Sample Point Number: 001- WSF 1; 002- WSF 2; 003- WSF 3

Monitoring Requirements and Limitations					
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Nitrogen, Total		lb/1000gal	2/Month	Grab	
Nitrogen, Available		lb/1000gal	2/Month	Calculated	
Phosphorus, Total		lb/1000gal	2/Month	Grab	
Phosphorus, Available		lb/1000gal	2/Month	Calculated	
Solids, Total		Percent	2/Month	Grab	

#### 1.1.1 Changes from Previous Permit

No changes were made to Sample Point 001, 002, or 003.

#### 1.1.2 Explanation of Operation and Management Requirements

Liquid manure and process wastewater is required to be sampled twice per month that land application occurs. Samples are to be analyzed for the parameters listed in the table above. Land application shall occur in accordance with the operation's approved nutrient management plan. Liquid manure storage structures shall be inspected according to the operation's monitoring and inspection program. Inspection findings shall be submitted to the department annually on January 31.

### 1.2 Sample Point Number: 004- WSF 4; 005- Settled Solid Manure; 008- Miscellaneous Solid Manure; 009- Headland Stacking Sites

Monitoring Requirements and Limitations					
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Nitrogen, Total		lbs/ton	Quarterly	Grab	
Nitrogen, Available		lbs/ton	Quarterly	Calculated	
Phosphorus, Total		lbs/ton	Quarterly	Grab	
Phosphorus, Available		lbs/ton	Quarterly	Calculated	
Solids, Total		Percent	Quarterly	Grab	

#### 1.2.1 Changes from Previous Permit

No changes were made to Sample Point 004, 005, 008, or 009.

### 1.2.2 Explanation of Operation and Management Requirements

Solid manure is required to be sampled once per quarter that land application occurs. Samples are to be analyzed for the parameters listed in the table above. Land application shall occur in accordance with the operation's approved nutrient management plan. Solid manure storage structures shall be inspected according to the operation's monitoring and inspection program. Inspection findings shall be submitted to the department annually on January 31.

### 1.3 Sample Point Number: 006- Feed Storage Area & Runoff Control; 007- Outdoor Lot & Runoff Control, and 010- Storm Water Runoff Control

#### 1.3.1 Changes from Previous Permit

No changes were made to Sample Point 006, 007, or 010.

#### 1.3.2 Explanation of Operation and Management Requirements

Sample Points 006, 007, and 010 are required to be inspected in accordance with the operation's monitoring and inspection program. Results shall be submitted to the department annually on January 31.

## 2 Schedules

### 2.1 Emergency Response Plan

Required Action	Due Date
Develop Emergency Response Plan: Develop a written Emergency Response Plan within 30 days of permit coverage, available to the Department upon request.	03/01/2026

### 2.2 Monitoring & Inspection Program

Use of the department's monitoring and inspection program template is encouraged, but optional.

Required Action	Due Date
Proposed Monitoring and Inspection Program: Consistent with the Monitoring and Sampling Requirements subsection, the permittee shall submit a proposed monitoring and inspection program within 30 days of the effective date of this permit.	03/01/2026

### 2.3 Annual Reports

Submit Annual Reports by January 31st of each year in accordance with the Annual Reports subsection in Standard Requirements.

Required Action	Due Date
Submit Annual Report #1: To include monitoring and inspection results from the previous 12 months, consistent with the requirements of department form 3400-025E.	01/31/2027
Submit Annual Report #2: To include monitoring and inspection results from the previous 12 months, consistent with the requirements of department form 3400-025E.	01/31/2028
Submit Annual Report #3: To include monitoring and inspection results from the previous 12 months, consistent with the requirements of department form 3400-025E.	01/31/2029
Submit Annual Report #4: To include monitoring and inspection results from the previous 12 months, consistent with the requirements of department form 3400-025E.	01/31/2030

Submit Annual Report #5: To include monitoring and inspection results from the previous 12 months, consistent with the requirements of department form 3400-025E.	01/31/2031
Ongoing Annual Reports: Continue to submit Annual Reports until permit reissuance has been completed.	

## 2.4 Nutrient Management Plan

Submit annual nutrient management plan (NMP) updates by March 31 of each year. Note, in addition to annual NMP updates, submit NMP amendments and substantial revisions to the department for written approval prior to implementation of any changes to the NMP.

Required Action	Due Date
Management Plan Submittal: Submit any necessary updates to the Nutrient Management Plan to meet the conditions outlined in this permit (see conditions in the Livestock Operational and Sampling Requirements section).	
Submit NMP Update #1: To include actual cropping, tillage, and nutrient application data from the previous calendar or crop year, consistent with the requirements of department for 3400-025D.	03/31/2026
Submit NMP Update #2: To include actual cropping, tillage, and nutrient application data from the previous calendar or crop year, consistent with the requirements of department for 3400-025D.	03/31/2027
Submit NMP Update #3: To include actual cropping, tillage, and nutrient application data from the previous calendar or crop year, consistent with the requirements of department for 3400-025D.	03/31/2028
Submit NMP Update #4: To include actual cropping, tillage, and nutrient application data from the previous calendar or crop year, consistent with the requirements of department for 3400-025D.	03/31/2029
Submit NMP Update #5: To include actual cropping, tillage, and nutrient application data from the previous calendar or crop year, consistent with the requirements of department for 3400-025D.	03/31/2030
Ongoing Management Plan Annual Updates: Continue to submit Annual Updates to the Nutrient Management Plan until permit reissuance has been completed.	

## 2.5 Submit Permit Reissuance Application

Required Action	Due Date
Reissuance Application: Submit a complete permit reissuance application 180 days prior to permit expiration.	07/31/2030

## 2.6 Explanation of Schedules

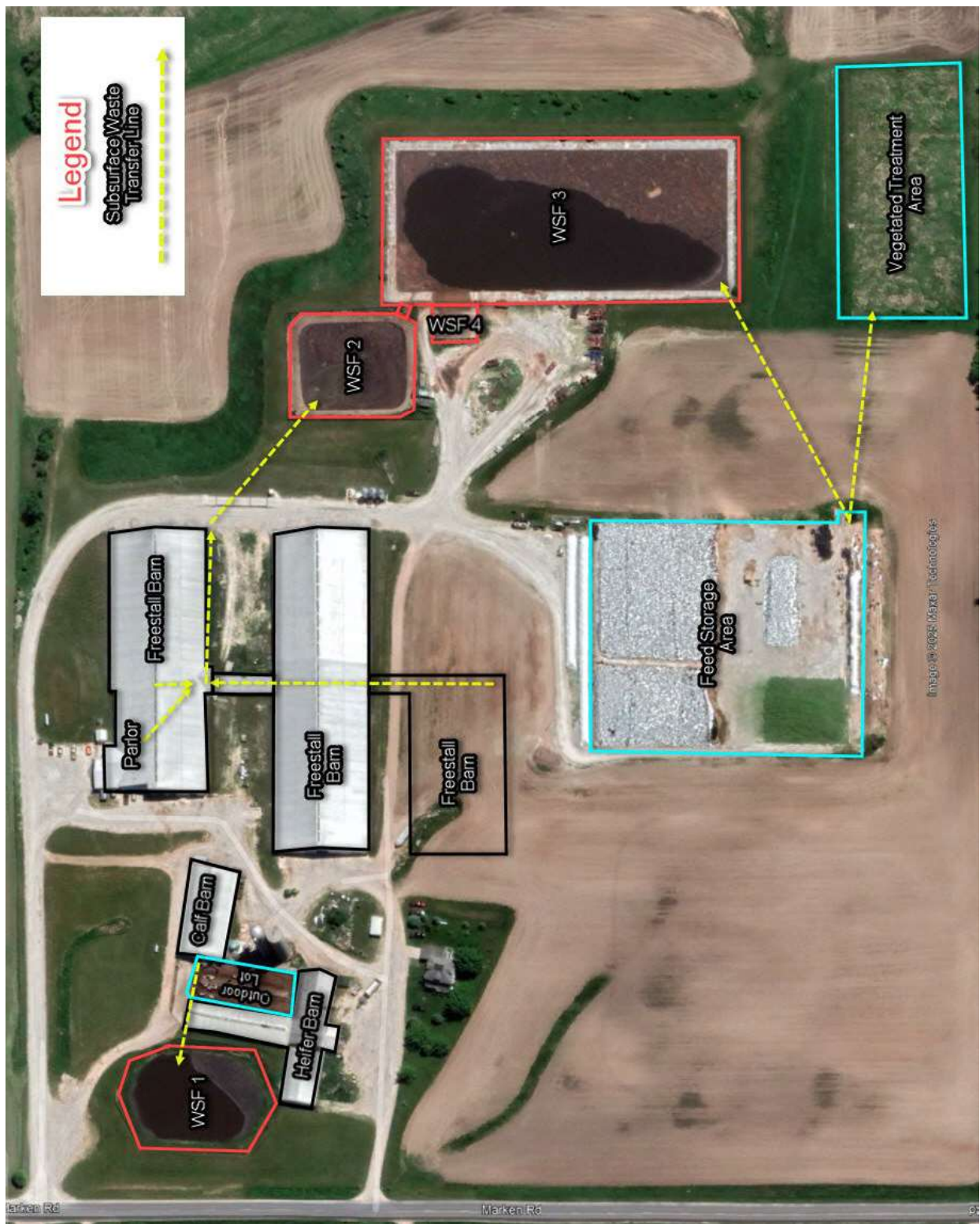
Schedule items 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, and 2.5 are typical and required for all CAFO permittee

## Attachments

Map  
Plan Approval Letter(s)



Prepared By: Trent Brenny  
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Date: 8/29/2025







July 18, 2025

FILE REF: R-2025-0159

WPDES Permit #: WI-0065111

Keith Johnson  
Johnson Hill Farm  
5503 Marken Road  
Valders, WI 54323

Subject: Days of Storage Review for Johnson Hill Farm in T18N, R22E, Section 17, Liberty Township, Manitowoc County – NO ADDITIONAL ACTION REQUIRED

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This letter is to inform you that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Department) has completed its review of the calculation of days of storage submitted by Emily Micolichek, P.E., Miller Engineers & Scientists on June 27, 2025 on behalf of Johnson Hill Farm.

The Department reviewed the submitted calculations in accordance with ss. NR 243.14(9) and NR 243.15(3)(i) to (k), Wis. Adm. Code. Under s. NR 243.17(3)(c), Wis. Adm. Code, the permittee shall demonstrate compliance with the 180-day design storage capacity requirement at specified times. For the following liquid manure storage calculations, the Department has determined **no additional actions** on your part are required.

**Days of Available Liquid Waste Storage:** The submitted information states that Johnson Hill Farm has 265 days of liquid waste storage based on the volumes listed in the table below with respect to s. NR 243.15(3)(i) to (k), Wis. Adm. Code. The current number of animal units provided for the calculation is 1,700. There are currently no expansion plans for the next 5 years. The liquid waste volumes are based on the NRCS spreadsheet and other estimated or calculated values for a collection period of 365 days.

The first 0.2" flush from the feed storage area is currently collected in permanent storage, with the remainder being routed to the farm's VTA. All runoff, up to the 25-year, 24-hour storm, from the outdoor feedlot is collected in permanent waste storage. All runoff from the stacking pad, up to the 25-yr, 24-hr storm, is collected in permanent storage.

Total Annual Liquid Waste Volume (NRCS Table Values)	
Liquids Collected/Stored	Annual Gallons
Manure and Bedding:	9,393,526
Parlor Wastewater:	2,614,050
Feed Storage Leachate and First Flush:	526,525
Contact Water Runoff Collected (Combined runoff from 9,500 SF concrete animal lot and 3,000 SF stacking pad):	240,404
Net Precipitation on Storage Surfaces:	1,950,951
<b>Total Liquid Waste Stored Below the MOL:</b>	<b>14,725,456</b>

Total Liquid Waste Storage Capacity (Gallons)						
Waste Storage	Total Volume from Top to Bottom	-Remaining Waste	-25-yr, 24-hr Precipitation on Storage	-25-yr, 24-hr Collected Runoff	-Freeboard Volume	Max. Operating Level (MOL) Volume
WS1	1,345,153	205,056	66,475	26,316	177,662	869,644
WS2	1,855,788	0	69,470	0	185,666	1,600,652
WS3	9,309,925	0	295,570	8,310	789,943	8,216,102
<b>Total MOL Volume:</b>						10,686,398

Should you have any questions, please contact Rob Davis, DNR Madison office or your regional CAFO Specialist.

### NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

If you believe that you have a right to challenge this decision, you should know that the Wisconsin statutes and administrative rules establish time periods within which requests to review Department decisions must be filed. For judicial review of a decision pursuant to WIS. STAT. §§ 227.52 and 227.53, you have 30 days after the decision is mailed, or otherwise served by the Department, to file your petition with the appropriate circuit court and serve the petition on the Department. Such a petition for judicial review must name the Department of Natural Resources as the respondent.

To request a contested case hearing pursuant to WIS. STAT. § 227.42, you have 30 days after the decision is mailed, or otherwise served by the Department, to serve a petition for hearing on the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources. All requests for contested case hearings must be made in accordance with WIS. ADMIN. CODE § NR 2.05(5), and served on the Secretary in accordance with WIS. ADMIN. CODE § NR 2.03. The filing of a request for a contested case hearing does not extend the 30-day period for filing a petition for judicial review.

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August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Manitowoc County  
Approval

Keith Johnson  
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SUBJECT: Conditional Approval of Johnson Hill Farm, LLC Nutrient Management Plan, WPDES Permit No. 0065111-03-0

Dear Keith Johnson:

After completing a review of Johnson Hill Farm, LLC 2026-2030 Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Department) is providing conditional approval that it is consistent with Nutrient Management Requirements in s. NR 243, Wis. Adm. Code. This part of your WPDES permit application is now ready for the public notice and comment process as required by Ch. 283 Stats.

Before applying manure onto approved fields each season, the Department recommends Johnson Hill Farm, LLC review the NMP with those individuals involved with manure applications to ensure all remain familiar with the approved manure spreading protocol, spreading maps, field and map verification, record keeping requirements, and all the conditions of this approval. Specifically, some fields in Johnson Hill Farm, LLC may have:

- Soils that may have bedrock or groundwater within 24 inches of surface,
- Multiple setback areas due to streams, conduits to streams, grassed waterways, wetlands or wells, and
- Evidence of possible soil erosion/flow channels. Note: road ditches or other man made channels may be considered flow channels or conduits to navigable water and may be subject to a SWQMA and setback.

Reviewing the NMP and checking fields for these features and soil conditions prior to manure applications will help Johnson Hill Farm, LLC maintain compliance with their WPDES permit and Ch. NR 243 requirements.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

The Department confirms that:

1. A current dairy herd size of 1,700 animal units (900 milking & dry cows, 470 heifers, and 190 calves). Currently there are no planned expansions in the next permit term.
2. Manure generation and spreading records indicate your herd will annually generate approximately 14,725,456 gallons of manure and process wastewater and 0 tons of solid manure in the first year of the permit term.
3. The use of application restriction options 1 and 5 within surface water quality management areas.
4. The use of phosphorus delivery method P Index.
5. That Johnson Hill Farm, LLC currently has 1,856 acres (312 owned and 1,544 controlled through contracts, rental agreements or leases, or under manure agreements) of which 1,544 are spreadable acres.

6. That all fields will be checked for the following features prior to/during manure or process wastewater applications: soil areas with possible shallow groundwater (i.e., within 24 inches of surface) at the time of manure application; required setbacks associated with wells, navigable waters, conduits to navigable waters, grassed waterways, wetlands, possible soil erosion/flow channels.
7. That surface applications of manure will not be completed when precipitation capable of producing runoff is forecasted within 24 hours of the time of planned application.

### **CONDITIONAL NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL**

The Department hereby approves the 2026-2030 Johnson Hill Farm, LLC Nutrient Management Plan subject to the following conditions and the applicable requirements of Ch. NR 243, Wis. Adm. Code:

#### **FIELD AND MANURE MANAGEMENT**

1. Fields not included in the NMP and new fields shall not receive manure or process wastewater applications until they have been properly soil sampled, entered into Snap Plus, evaluated for their nutrient needs, and approved by the Department.
2. The following fields are prohibited from receiving applications of manure or process wastewater:
  - JS9 (default soil test)                      - Peterson (default soil test)

If Johnson Hill Farm, LLC wishes to use these fields for applications of manure or process wastewater all necessary information shall be submitted to the Department prior to application to demonstrate compliance with NR 243 and other applicable codes. Written Department approval amending this condition approval must be received prior to application.

3. If existing fields yield a soil test results equal to or greater than 200 ppm P, those fields would be prohibited from receiving manure or process wastewater applications, unless you obtain Department approval in accordance with NR 243.14(5)(b)2., Wis. Adm. Code.
4. All liquid manure samples collected may be analyzed, at a minimum, for percent dry matter, total nitrogen, percent  $\text{NH}_4\text{-N}$ , percent  $\text{NO}_3\text{-N}$ , phosphorus, potassium, and sulfur.
5. If manure sample results have a dry matter (DM) content less than 2.0% and the percent ammonium ( $\text{NH}_4^+$ ) is greater than 75% of the total N, Johnson Hill Farm, LLC may use the following equation to adjust the first year available nitrogen when applications are injected or incorporated within 1 hour:

$$\text{First-Year Available N} = \text{NH}_4\text{-N} + [0.25 \times (\text{Total N} - \text{NH}_4\text{-N})]$$

6. Johnson Hill Farm, LLC shall record daily manure applications by using the 'Daily Log' generated by Snap Plus, or custom template 'JHill Daily Log Form'. These forms shall be retained at the farm and provided to the department upon request.
7. Johnson Hill Farm, LLC shall annually submit a spreading report that summarizes the land application activities listed under NR 243.19(3)(c)5., Wis. Adm. Code by using the 'CAFO Annual Spreading Report' as generated by Snap Plus

#### **WINTER SPREADING**

8. Liquid manure applications during winter conditions, as defined by NR 243.14(7), Wis. Adm. Code, are prohibited with the exception of emergency applications.

9. The following field(s) are approved for winter spreading solid manure, emergency applications of liquid manure and frozen liquid manure:

- |         |        |        |       |
|---------|--------|--------|-------|
| - TC1   | - N    | - O    | - LRZ |
| - CW1-4 | - DE   | - JS2  | - JS3 |
| - JS17  | - JS18 | - JS19 | - MKB |
| - LK-1  |        |        |       |

10. Winter spreading of solid and liquid manure may not occur during the “high risk runoff period” pursuant to s. NR 243.14(6)(c) and NR 243.14(7)(c), respectively.

11. Winter applications of liquid manure shall only occur under emergency situations, after notifying the Department and receiving verbal approval.

12. Liquid applications shall be limited to 3,500 gallons per acre or 30 lbs. P per acre, whichever is less, on slopes 2-6% and 7,000 gallons per acre or 60 lbs. P per acre, whichever is less, on slopes 0-2%. Winter applications of solid manure shall be limited to 60 lbs. P per acre.

#### HEADLAND STACKING

13. No headland stacking sites are approved.

#### NR243.143/151.075 SILURIAN BEDROCK PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

14. Manure generated by Johnson Hill Farm, LLC that is mechanically applied to the following approved fields meet planning requirements under NR243.143/151.075, Silurian bedrock performance standards. The following fields are required to meet all requirements under NR243.143/151.075, Silurian bedrock performance standards immediately following this approval.

- |            |        |        |        |
|------------|--------|--------|--------|
| - BB       | - FI   | - H1 2 | - JR-1 |
| - L1       | - 2-M  | - N    | - P    |
| - Peterson | - S1-2 | - TC5  |        |

#### MANURE & PROCESS WASTEWATER IRRIGATION

15. Irrigation of manure or process wastewater is prohibited.

#### SUBMITAL AND RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS

16. A copy of this conditional approval shall be included in all future annual Nutrient Management Plan Updates in addition to the NR 243 and NRCS 590 checklists.

This conditional approval does not limit the Department’s regulatory authority to require NMP revisions (based upon new information or manure irrigation research findings) or request additional information in order to confirm or ensure your farm operation remains in compliance with NR 243 and your WPDES permit conditions. If additional information, project changes or other circumstances indicate a possible need to modify this approval, the Department may ask you to provide further information relating to this activity.

Please keep in mind that approval by the Department of Natural Resources – Runoff Management Program does not relieve you of obligations to meet all other applicable federal, state or local permits, zoning and regulatory requirements.

If you have any questions regarding this approval I can be reached at 608-212-8460 or [Ashley.Scheel@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:Ashley.Scheel@Wisconsin.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashley Scheel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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