

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-0062197-01-0

Permittee: UNITED PRIDE DAIRY LLC, W5993 Little Chicago Rd, Phillips, WI, 54555

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: United Pride Dairy LLC, W5993 Little Chicago Rd Phillips and N5809 County Road J, Kennan.

Receiving Water and Location: Surface water and groundwater within the North Fork Jump River (Cranberry Lake) and Jump River Watersheds.

Brief Facility Description : United Pride Dairy is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding operation (CAFO) dairy farm in Price County, within the townships of Worcester and Kennan. The farm has been a permitted CAFO since September 2002, and is operated by Jeremy Pesko, Bill Harper, and Families.

The sites house roughly 2608 cows, 1469 heifers, and 490 calves (~5,365 animal units). During the next five-year permit term, the farm does not plan to expand their herd size. Based on current herd size, it is estimated that roughly 39 million gallons of liquid manure and 6000 tons of solid manure will be produced annually. The farm has 5,458 acres in their nutrient management plan. Of these acres, roughly 5,420 acres will be used for land application of manure produced by the farm.

The operation consists of two sites: 1) the Main Site located off Little Chicago Road and 2) the Wanish Site located off County Road J. The Main Site has a milking parlor, four manure storage pits, two feed storage areas, and nine barns used to house cows, heifers, and calves. The Wanish Site has two heifer barns, a feed storage area, and a manure storage pit.

The Department has tentatively decided that the United Pride Dairy WPDES permit should be reissued.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Ben Mrdutt, DNR, 1300 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI, 54701, Ph# 715.495.9377, benjaminj.mrdutt@wisconsin.gov

People 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 (715) 492-4465 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.