



## Right to Farm Proactive Review

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The Right to Farm Program can assist farms of all sizes by reviewing the farm operations' conformance with Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices (GAAMPs). The most intensive portion of this activity is in the siting of livestock facilities. This service is designed to help farmers properly plan, site, build, and maintain new and expanding livestock facilities. The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development works with the farm to evaluate all applicable management practices and facility designs, as well as the proximity to non-farm neighbors and existing land use considerations.

### IMPACT FOR MICHIGAN:

On-farm production agriculture is the foundation of Michigan's \$117 billion food and agriculture industry, with livestock facilities generating more than \$3.3 billion in annual cash receipts. Yet, there are increasing social and environmental concerns regarding agricultural production in Michigan, especially animal agriculture. Right to Farm proactive reviews allow the industry sector to grow in a responsible way that minimizes nuisance to non-farm neighbors.

### FY18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Implemented a more consistent and streamlined review process
- Processed 65 total applications, including 15 for livestock production facilities
- Responded to 49 applications from small/non-livestock operations nearly double an average year.
- FY 18 approved livestock facilities will annually generate approximately:
  - ❑ \$10.2 million in economic activity
  - ❑ \$1.9 million in earnings for farm households
  - ❑ 63 ongoing full-time jobs
  - ❑ \$500,000 in additional tax revenues

## MEASURING SUCCESS:

Metric	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
<b>Site Selection Requests</b>	58	46	50	49	15
New facilities	22	13	25	25	7
Expanding facilities	36	33	25	24	8
<b>Final Approvals by Species</b>					
Dairy	23	19	10	22	4
Swine	18	8	20	17	6
Poultry	7	16	18	9	3
Beef	6	3	1	0	2
Other	3	0	1	2	0
<b>Small/Non-Livestock Reviews</b>	10	37	23	30	49

### FY19 PROGRAM GOALS:

- Continue implementation of streamlined process, using standardized application templates.
- Complete initial reviews for all new proactive requests within 20 business days.
- Increase education, outreach and guidance to the agricultural industry on GAAMPs, including those for Site Selection and Odor Control for New and Expanding Livestock Facilities.



### KEY STAKEHOLDERS

- Michigan farmers
- Non-farm rural residents
- Local governments
- Commodity organizations

### LEGAL AUTHORITY:

- Michigan Right to Farm Act, Public Act 93 of 1981, as amended