



Right to Farm Complaint Response

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The Right to Farm (RTF) program responds to nuisance complaints involving farms. Program staff evaluates farm activities to decide whether a farm is following the Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices (GAAMPs). GAAMPs are guidelines for good farm management that also help promote a positive image of Michigan agriculture.

IMPACT FOR MICHIGAN:

Right to Farm Complaint Response assists in resolving nuisance issues related to farming operations. This promotes environmental protection, improved quality of life for non-farm rural residents, and a strong and stable agricultural industry.

2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- The program received 163 complaints, resulting in a total of 213 complaint response investigations. Some complaints require multiple investigations.
- The program developed new communication materials to help involved parties understand the complaint response process.
- The program maintained an average response rate of five business days.

MEASURING SUCCESS:

Metric	2018	2019	2020	2021
New complaints received	176	193	136	163
Initial inspections conducted within 7 business days	90%	86%	81%	84%
On-farm investigations	251	227	250	213
Complaint cases closed	250	173	127	159

2022 PROGRAM GOALS:

- Implement a new inspection data handling system.
- Reduce average complaint response time to three days or less.
- Work with all stakeholders to understand the Right to Farm Act.
- Work with Michigan farmers to promote GAAMP implementation.



KEY STAKEHOLDERS

- Michigan farmers
- Non-farm rural residents
- Local governments
- Commodity organizations
- State and federal conservation and environmental agencies

LEGAL AUTHORITY:

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