



Right to Farm Proactive Review

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The Right to Farm Program can assist farms of all sizes by reviewing the farm operation's 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 \$104.7 billion food and agriculture industry, with livestock facilities generating more than \$8.2 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.

2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Continued lean process improvement initiative, including the launch of revised application materials.
- Year-to-date, processed 69 total proactive review applications, including twelve for livestock production facilities.
- Responded to 57 applications from small/non-livestock operations, a new program record high.
- Proactive reviews approved in 2021 will annually generate:
 - \$22.1 million in economic activity
 - \$3.9 million in earnings for farm households
 - 223 ongoing full-time jobs
 - \$1.09 million in additional tax revenues

MEASURING SUCCESS:

Metric	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
New Site Selection Requests	46	50	49	15	6	8	12
New facilities	13	25	25	7	2	3	8
Expanding facilities	33	25	24	8	4	5	4
Final Approvals by Species							
Dairy	19	10	22	4	2	0	0
Swine	8	20	17	6	7	1	6
Poultry	16	18	9	3	5	3	6
Beef	3	1	0	2	0	0	0
Other	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Small/Non-Livestock Reviews	37	23	30	49	52	50	57

2022 PROGRAM GOALS:

- Complete initial reviews for all new proactive requests within 20 business days.
- Develop helpful management plan templates for small/non-livestock proactive reviews.
- Implement a process for review and adoption of innovative odor control technologies for new and expanding livestock production facilities.
- 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.
- Continue to develop resources to assist technicians, consultants, and landowners submit conformance review applications.



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