

Notice of Public Participation Opportunity

Proposal to Renew Registration to 42 Confined Animal Feeding Operations, including 4 in Yamhill County with Substantial changes, to the Oregon CAFO NPDES General Permit #01-2026

NOTICE ISSUED: September 3, 2026

WRITTEN COMMENTS DUE:
5 P.M. October 12, 2026

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) invite the public to provide oral and written comment on the proposed registration renewal for **42** Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) to the Oregon CAFO National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit #01-2026, four in Baker County, three in Benton County, one in Columbia County, one in Jackson County, one in Linn County, seven in Malheur County, three in Marion County, two in Polk County, nine in Tillamook County, two in Umatilla County, one in Wallowa County, two in Washington County, and six in Yamhill County. A table with a summary of renewing operations will be posted on the website with this notice. 38 of the CAFOs have applied to renew to the permit with no changes to their Nutrient Management Plans (NMPs), and four have applied to renew with substantial changes to their NMPs. These four facilities propose to add land to their operations pending public notice.

Summary

Subject to public review and comment, ODA and DEQ intend to register multiple renewing CAFOs to the Oregon CAFO NPDES General Permit #01-2026. Part of the review and renewal process is an opportunity for public comment.

Where can I get more information?

The Oregon CAFO NPDES General Permit #01-2026 can be viewed online at:
<https://oda.direct/cafo>

For specific information about a CAFO renewing to the permit, please contact Mackinze Landry to request documents electronically.

Phone: (503) 986-4699

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Email: Mackinze.Landry@oda.oregon.gov

How do I participate?

You may submit your comments by mail, fax, or email to:

ODA CAFO Program

Attn: NPDES Registration

Renewal - **Operation Name**

635 Capitol St. NE

Salem, OR 97301

Fax: (503) 986-4730

Email: cafo.COMMENTS@ODA.oregon.gov

Comments are due 5 p.m., October 12, 2026, and will become part of the public record.

HEARING

ODA will hold a public hearing via Teams.

Date: October 5, 2026

Time: 1 P.M. PST

Join via: Teams

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/260667743414255?p=x8B2pIJ1UCwrHW6VCB>

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What is proposed?

ODA is proposing to register 42 CAFOs as renewing operations to the Oregon CAFO NPDES General Permit #01-2026. This permit replaces Oregon CAFO NPDES General Permit #01-2016 which expired and was administratively extended in 2021. As of July 2026, approximately 327 CAFOs are registered to Oregon CAFO NPDES General Permit #01-2016.

All operations currently registered to Oregon CAFO NPDES General Permit #01-2016 with administratively extended permit coverage will continue to operate under Oregon CAFO NPDES General Permit #01-2016 until they renew to Oregon CAFO NPDES General Permit #01-2026.

The Oregon CAFO NPDES General Permit #01-2026 regulates manure, litter, and process wastewater generated by CAFOs to protect waters of the state. CAFOs develop and implement NMPs describing how manure, litter, and process wastewater will be managed and applied to crops at agronomic rates. These plans are reviewed by ODA and compliance with the permit requires that operations follow their approved NMP.

Additionally, per ORS 468B.215 and ORS 468B.216, renewing CAFOs must submit a Water Supply Plan (WSP) as part of their renewal application. WSPs are reviewed by the Oregon Water Resources Department to determine if the CAFO's water uses are legally authorized and allowable.

Who may be affected?

Owners and operators of CAFOs and residents in the vicinity of CAFOs may be affected by these permit actions.

What other ODA or DEQ permits are required?

Generally, there are no other ODA or DEQ permits required at this time for CAFOs. CAFOs conducting composting activities may be required to obtain a DEQ permit for such activities. See OAR Chapter 340, Division 93 for more information.

What types of pollutants does the permit regulate?

The most common pollutants in manure, litter, and process wastewater include biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), total suspended solids (TSS), nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus compounds), and bacteria. These pollutants could be harmful to the environment and public health if they are discharged to surface water or groundwater in violation of water quality standards.

However, this permit does not allow surface water discharges and effluent limits are zero for nitrate plus nitrite nitrogen, phosphorus, and E. coli.

How do ODA and DEQ monitor compliance with the permit requirements?

This permit requires manure, litter, and process wastewater be regularly monitored to determine nutrient concentrations and land application volumes. Soil monitoring is also required in fields that receive manure, litter, or process wastewater applications to determine if agronomic rates are being met.

Routine inspections are conducted on permitted CAFOs every 10 months. In addition, inspectors investigate every time ODA or DEQ receives a water quality complaint involving a permitted or non-permitted livestock operation.



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What happens after the public comment period closes?

ODA and DEQ will consider and respond to all comments received and may modify proposed permit renewal registrations based on the comments. Equal weight is given to written and oral comments. The Oregon CAFO NPDES General Permit #01-2026 will expire five years after its effective date, after which, permittees will be required to renew to the subsequent permit.

Accessibility Information

ODA and DEQ are committed to accommodating people with disabilities at our hearings. Please notify ODA of any special physical or language accommodations or if you need information in large print, Braille, or another format. To make these arrangements, contact ODA at (503) 986-4700.



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