

Oregon Department of Agriculture
Proposal to Renew Registration to the Oregon Confined Animal Feeding Operation
(CAFO) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit
#01-2026 for Multiple CAFOs – 6/4/2026 Public Notice
Response to Public Comments

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I. Summary of public comment process

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) (collectively the Department) are proposing to renew 20 Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (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. 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.

ODA provided a public notice and comment period for the proposed renewal of registrations to the general permit. On June 4, 2026, the Department issued a public notice with a written comment due date of July 13, 2026. On July 7, 2026, ODA hosted a virtual public hearing for oral comments.

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.

II. Summary of public comments

In total, five public comments were submitted to the Department during the public comment period which remained open from June 4, 2026 through July 13, 2026.

Oral comments

Three oral comments were received at the virtual public hearing hosted on July 7,

2026. Each commenter expressed support for all CAFOs to have registration to the permit renewed.

Written comments

Two written comments were received during the public comment period. Each commenter expressed support for all CAFOs to have registration to the permit renewed.

III. Response to comments within the scope of this permit

Commenters expressed support for the renewal of registration to the permit for the 20 CAFOs under consideration, generally stating that each operation had a long track record of compliance and that the Oregon CAFO NPDES General Permit #01-2026 provides sufficient oversight to protect waters of the state.

The department acknowledges all comments and is appreciative of public participation.

IV. Summary of changes to the proposal to renew registration to the Oregon CAFO NPDES General Permit #01-2026 for multiple CAFOs

The department has reviewed all comments and at this time has decided to renew the registration of all 20 CAFOs noticed on June 4, 2026 to the permit with no changes. The following CAFOs are hereby registered to the Oregon CAFO NPDES General Permit #01-2026:

- Heilman Farms
- Wildlife Safari
- Poland Organic Dairy LLC
- Bonanza View Dairy Inc
- Ponderosa Farms LP

- Windy Ridge LLC
- BSP Inc
- J & J Heifers
- 3R Cattle LLC
- White's Hauling Farm, LLC
- Aguiar Dairy
- Kuipers Farms LLC (Prairie Rd)
- Kuipers Farms LLC (Tupper)
- Kuipers Farms LLC
- Wilsona Farms LLC
- Wilsonview Dairy Inc
- Peterson, Erica, & Loretta
- Marti Holsteins Inc
- Licorice Lane Farm, Inc.
- G & D Evers Farms