

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 – 7/22/2026 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 31 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 July 22, 2026, the Department issued a public notice with a written comment due date of August 26, 2026. On August 21, 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, one public comment was submitted to the Department during the public comment period which remained open from July 22, 2026, through August 26, 2026.

Oral comments

One oral comment was received at the virtual public hearing hosted on August 21, 2026. The commenter expressed support for two of the facilities to have their permits renewed.

Written comments

No written comments were received during the public comment period.

III. Response to comments within the scope of this permit

The comment received expressed support for the renewal of registration to the permit for two CAFOs under consideration, stating that each operation had a long track record of compliance and were good stewards of the land.

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 31 CAFOs noticed on July 22, 2026, to the permit. The following CAFOs are hereby registered to the Oregon CAFO NPDES General Permit #01-2026:

- Widman Ranch
- Rohner Farms Inc.
- Nelson ES Ranch
- OSU Dairy Research Center
- Wil-View Farms
- Perrin Farms
- Louies Cattle Service, LLC
- Blessed Hope Goat Dairy, LLC
- Lochmead Farms Inc.
- Lyle Land and Livestock
- Producers Livestock Market Association
- Van Berkum Dairy, LLC

- Derek S Pearson
- Pugh Feedlot
- YI Farms
- YI Farms Inc.
- Foster Farms-Ehlen Road Ranch Facility
- Rising Sun Dairy, LLC
- R & R Dairy
- R & R Dairy, Bewely Ck
- Gypo Jerseys
- Fairview Acres Dairy Farm
- Hancock Dairy
- Averill Farms, Inc.
- Tilla-Bay Farms, Inc.
- Trask River Dairy
- Rimar Farms, Inc.
- Wonderbaar Dairy
- Marcon Farms, LLC #1
- Marcon Farms, LLC #2
- Hollands Dairy, Inc.