

The Regulation of Intensive Livestock Operations in Saskatchewan

Legislation protecting Saskatchewan's water resources by requiring proper storage and management of livestock wastes was first created in 1971. The current legislation, ***The Agricultural Operations Act*** was established in 1996 to provide a regulatory framework to address complaints of agricultural nuisances, and to enhance legislation governing intensive livestock. Saskatchewan Agriculture's Agricultural Operations Section administers ***The Agricultural Operations Act***. The two regulatory sections of the Act are:

- 1) the Nuisance Provisions and
- 2) the Intensive Livestock Provisions.

Nuisance Provisions:

The nuisance provisions of the Act protects farmers performing normal farm practices from unreasonable court action. It also protects neighbours from odour, noise, dust, flies or other disturbances caused by inappropriate farming practices. The Act establishes a process for reviewing and mediating disputes through the Agricultural Operations Review Board. For more information on this subject, contact Saskatchewan Agriculture or view the Act attached to this email.

Intensive Livestock Provisions:

The Intensive Livestock Provisions apply to certain intensive livestock operations. They require operators to have plans to store and manage livestock wastes in a manner which protects water resources.

What is an Intensive Livestock Operation?

Under ***The Agricultural Operations Act***, a livestock operation is defined as intensive if the space per animal unit, where livestock is confined, is less than 370 m² (4,000 ft²).

What is an animal unit?

An animal unit is a means of comparing different ages and species of livestock. The manure volume produced by one animal unit is approximately the same across species. One cow, 200 broiler chickens or six feeder pigs represent one animal unit.

For more information on Intensive Livestock Operations please visit

www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca/Regulation_ILOs_SK If you have any planning concerns, please contact:

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****Note*: WaterWolf is hosting Basic Emergency Management workshops in Demaine on March 2nd and 3rd and in Outlook on March 23rd and 24th. There is still room at both locations for participants. If you are interested, please email names and venue choice to Adam Toth.***