

Senator Dembrow and committee,

I farm in the Prineville area and do have a medium CAFO permit for beef and dairy cows. We have a family farm and produce hay, grain, grass seed, carrot seed and cattle. Cattle are an important part of our farming operation. As our sons start their families we need the ability to expand our farm to provide enough income to provide for their families. If you keep putting restraints on the farm size it will stop having young people join farming or continue to farm in Oregon. With all the regulations proposed by the legislature including this needless restriction on animal agriculture, are making young people looking to move from this state to more farm friendly states. We will be losing good citizens who contribute positively to this state. You will also be putting more pressure on farms to sell for housing development, taking our rural areas as well as wildlife open areas.

Please do not continue down this anti farm regulations, we need are farms for Oregon.

Thank you, Wade Flegel.