



Community Impacts of Confined Animal Feeding Operations – Video Seminar

Thursday, June 18, 2009, 6:00-8:00 p.m. CST

Location:

Purdue Extension LaPorte County
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Registration:

This workshop is free. No preregistration is needed.

Overview of the program:

Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) have expanded in Indiana the past few years, causing considerable controversy in rural communities. Local leaders, residents, and the agricultural community want to know more about the operations' impacts. What are the demographic characteristics of the owners/operators? What are characteristics of the labor force? What is the fiscal impact on county government and schools? Are there significant environmental violations? How can land use conflicts be reduced through zoning ordinances?

Purdue University initiated an in-depth study of 50 swine and dairy CAFOs in Benton, Cass, Huntington, Jasper, Jay, Randolph, Wabash and Wells counties in 2007-08. This session will focus on the findings from this study, Specific topics will include:

- Operator Characteristics
- Swine and dairy CAFO characteristics
- Conditions around siting of CAFOs
- Animal population growth
- Revenue and expense information from CAFOs
- Labor use and payments
- Fiscal impact on local government and schools
- Comprehensive land use planning and zoning revisions to minimize land use conflicts
- Extent and nature of environmental violations

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