



## CFO / CAFO APPLICATION PACKET Notification of Application Submittal

Part of State Form 55051 (R5 / 10-22)

Confined Feeding Operation (CFO)

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (NPDES CAFO)

Approved by State Board of Accounts, 2022

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
Confined Feeding Section  
Office of Land Quality  
100 North Senate Avenue  
IGCN Rm 1101  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204  
(800) 451-6027 request CFO Permits

An application has been submitted to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) for the Confined Feeding Operation (CFO) or Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) that is described below. Indiana law requires an applicant for a CFO or CAFO approval to notify certain people of an application. See IC 13-18-10-2(b) and 327 IAC 19-7-1. This notice has been sent to you by the applicant to satisfy the notice requirement. Please review the information below to learn how to get more information or submit comments about this application. IDEM will notify you of the final decision on the application.

Applicant / Operation name Homestead Pork, LLC  
Date application submitted (required) December 29, 2025  
(month, day, year)

Operation permit type (applicable regulations)

CFO Approval (IC 13-18-10 and 327 IAC 19)  
 NPDES CAFO Individual Permit (IC 13-18-10 and 327 IAC 15-16)

Operation Location

Nearest crossroads / address CR 400 N & CR 300 W / 3366 W 400 N, Wabash, Indiana 46992  
Nearest city / town Urbana  
County Wabash  
Political township Paw-Paw  
USGS Section/Township/Range Section 9 / T28N / R6E

Brief description of application

*(Should include animal type(s), animal numbers, numbers and types of barns and storage structures, and methods of manure application.)*  
The CFO application requests approval to modify an existing confined feeding operation (CFO) consisting of three existing wean-to-finish pig buildings. The plan is to update the operating capacity and construct one (1) new wean-to-finish pig buildings. The four (4) buildings will house up to 4,620 wean-to-finish pigs per building. The buildings include self-contained, below-building concrete manure storages that provide up to one year of storage capacity. Manure will typically be land applied at least one time per year using injection or incorporation land application methods.

Questions regarding the location or other aspects of the application should be addressed to

Applicant's name Homestead Pork, LLC (Rod Merrick, contact)  
Address (number and street) 3366 W 400 N  
City / State / ZIP code Wabash / Indiana / 46992  
Telephone number 260-760-2983

If the application meets the requirements in IC 13-18-10, 327 IAC 15-16, and 327 IAC 19, IDEM will approve the application. You may view these laws and regulations on the [iga.IN.gov](http://iga.IN.gov) website.

IDEM will accept written public comments for at least thirty-three (33) days following the date the applicant mailed this notice. You can send comments on the application to the address listed at the top of this sheet. You can contact IDEM's Confined Feeding Program staff at (800) 451-6027, ask for Confined Feeding Permits, or (317) 232-4473.

Homestead Pork, LLC  
Rod Merrick  
3366 W 400 N  
Wabash, IN 46992  
260-760-2983

January 2, 2026

Tyler Niccum, County Commissioner  
1 West Hill Street  
Wabash, IN 46992

Dear Commissioner Niccum:

We are making plans to improve and expand our current pig production facility at our farm located at 3366 W 400 N, Wabash, Indiana 46992 in Paw Paw Township (Section 9, T28N, R6E). The production site currently includes three pig production buildings. Our plans are to construct one (1) new wean-to-finish pig production building. The buildings are located approximately 1,800 feet north of County Road 400 N and approximately 1,450 feet west of County Road 300 W. The access drive is located on County Road 400 N. A site location map and IDEM Notification of Application Submittal form are included for your information.

The wean-to-finish pig production building includes self-contained, below-building, concrete manure storage and mechanical ventilation. The concrete manure storage provides approximately one year of storage capacity. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management requires 180 days of storage capacity. The concrete manure storage has been sized and designed to meet all Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) construction standards and specifications. These requirements were developed to ensure environmentally sound production facilities.

Manure will be used as a soil amendment and fertilizer to meet the crop nutrient requirements of crops grown by our family. Manure will be land applied at least once per year based on the crop grown, field conditions and weather conditions to utilize the manure nutrients in an agronomically sound cropping program. The manure application methods include injection or incorporation to maximize crop nutrient retention and utilization, eliminate potential runoff from land application and to minimize potential odor emissions.

This confined animal feeding operation is regulated by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and has a valid Confined Feeding Operation Approval. Prior to beginning construction of the new building, we are required to submit a permit application to IDEM for review and approval. Per the IDEM regulations we are notifying the County Commissioners, landowners, and residences located within one-half mile of the existing confined feeding operation and proposed construction and adjoining landowners to the farm. When IDEM completes their review they will notify you by mail of their decision.

An application was submitted to IDEM on about December 29, 2025 for review and approval to construct the proposed wean-to-finish pig production building. If you have any questions about the IDEM approval process, please feel free to contact IDEM (800-451-6027, extension 2-4473 or 317-232-4473). IDEM will also accept written comments until at least February 4, 2026 and until a decision has been made regarding our application (Office of Land Quality, Confined Feeding Program, 100 North Senate Avenue, IGCN Rm 1101, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2251).

We are happy to be a part of Wabash County's agricultural community. If you have any questions about our plans, please feel free to contact me (260-760-2983). We are excited about this opportunity and would welcome an opportunity to share our plans and discuss the project with you.

Sincerely,



Rod Merrick  
Homestead Pork, LLC  
Enclosures

# Homestead Pork, LLC

Rod Merrick  
Site Location Map

