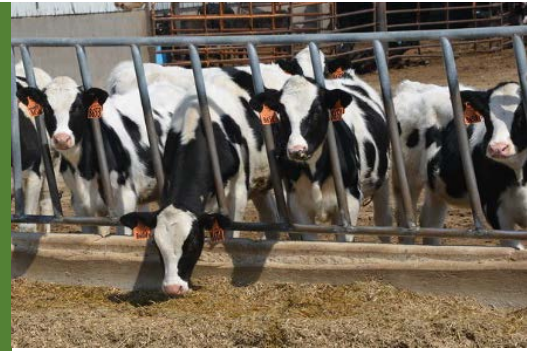


Livestock Facility Siting and CAFO Program Differences



	Livestock Facility Siting	Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO)
Description	<p>Livestock facility siting gives local governments the ability to apply uniform regulations to livestock operations within the standards of state law (Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 51). These standards include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protective of public health and safety • Practicable and cost-effective • Promote the growth and viability of animal agriculture • Based on peer-reviewed scientific information <p>The standards allow local governments to address differences in land use between livestock operations and adjacent landowners.</p>	<p>CAFOs are livestock operations the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regulates for water quality in accordance with the Clean Water Act. CAFOs must have an approved Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permit to ensure they use proper planning, nutrient management, and structure or system construction to protect Wisconsin waters. These permits apply only to water quality protection and do not give the DNR authority to address air, odor, traffic, lighting, land use or any of the social concerns people may have about large farms.</p>
Administration	<p>Only administered by local governments who choose to adopt licensing or zoning ordinance with review from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP).</p>	<p>Administered statewide by the DNR.</p>
Animal Units	<p>Applicable to new or expanding operations with 500 or more animal units (au). Local governments can choose a threshold higher than 500au, or less than 500au if a more restrictive ordinance existed before July 19, 2003.</p>	<p>Applicable to all new or expanding operations with 1,000au or more, or possibly less than 1,000au if there is a discharge of pollutants to waters of the state or groundwater.</p>
Nutrient Management	<p>Sets standards for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrient management: NRCS 590 (2005) • Waste storage: NRCS 313 (2004) • Runoff management: NRCS 635 (2002) 	<p>Sets standards for nutrient management, waste storage, and runoff management: NR 243 (2007)</p>
Goal	<p>Regulate land use by setting maximum structural setbacks, tracking odor control, and limiting exclusion of livestock facilities in agricultural zoning districts.</p>	<p>Protect water quality by reducing or preventing manure or process wastewater pollution from land applications and production site wastes.</p>

To learn more about livestock facility siting, visit <https://livestocksiting.wi.gov>.
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