

Concerns about Factory Farms:

- Water Quality & Availability (*contamination*)
- Odor Pollution (*phew!*)
- Fly Infestation
- Respiratory & Other Illnesses
- Hormones are often used to promote faster growth and increased production of milk.
- Decreased Property Value (40-90% depending on proximity to *factory farm!*)
- Increased Truck Traffic

<http://agnews.tamu.edu/>

<http://www.saveourwatersupply.org/>

<http://www.public-health-uiowa.edu/>

<http://www.epa.gov/>, <http://www.saveourwater.org/>, <http://www.factoryfarm.org/>

Right now, Wood County residents, along with other counties affected by CAFOs in Ohio, are asking for a “**moratorium**”.

A “moratorium” is a period of time during which a specific activity is delayed. We would like to stop CAFOs until more research is completed on the effects to the environment and our health.

The following groups have expressed serious concerns to Factory Farms:

- **Ohio Farmers Union**
- **Village of Cygnet**
- **Village of Hoytville**
- **Bloom Township Trustees**
- **Jackson Township Trustees**
- **Wood County Commissioners**
- **Perrysburg League of Women Voters**
- **TMACOG**

Show your opposition by becoming a member of WCCOFF and requesting a sign for your yard or a t-shirt at wccoff@aol.com!



Let's send a clear message:
Wood County wants a moratorium
on Factory Farms!

Please take this matter seriously. It does affect you! If you would like more information, visit the following web sites:

<http://www.wccoff.org/>

<http://www.factoryfarm.org/>

<http://www.farmaid.com/>

Contact your state officials by logging onto <http://www.wccoff.org/>. Click on the “Officials” icon to let them know your genuine concern. You can also call and voice your concerns.

Governor Bob Taft
77 S. High St.
Columbus, OH 43215-6117
(Will not accept telephone calls.)

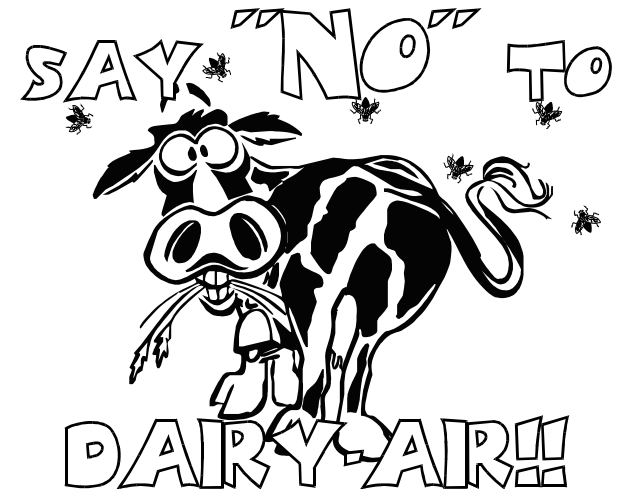
Senator Randy Gardner
419-352-1984

Representative Bob Latta
419-352-1956

Ohio Department of Agriculture
1-800-282-1955 (Option #4, x 548)

Environmental Protection Agency
419-352-8461

Wood County Commissioners
Alvin L. Perkins, James W. Brown, Tim W. Brown
419-354-9100



**Family Farms
or
Factory Farms?**

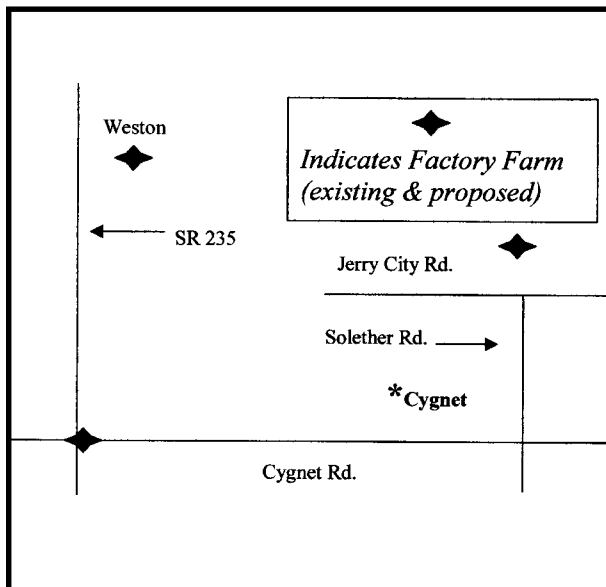
How do they affect your family?

Questions you need answered!

What Are CAFOs/Factory Farms?

CAFO stands for “*Confined or Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation.*” Factory farms are not sustainable, meaning they emphasize high volume and profit with little or no regard for the environment, human health, safe food, humane treatment of animals, and the rural economy.

Currently, Wood County has one existing 699-head dairy CAFO located outside Weston with a 925-head dairy CAFO proposed in Jackson Township, corner of SR 235 and Cygnet Rd (6 miles west of Cygnet). Another 1,565-head dairy CAFO is also being proposed between Cygnet and Jerry City. Once these Factory Farms are in our backyards...they’re here to stay! Vreba-Hoff, the developer of these dairies, has stated that their plan is to put 200 of these factory farms in the tri-state area that includes Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio. The trend is to have several Factory Farms in a small area. **Is this what is in store for southern Wood County?**



Why the concern with Factory Farms?

Seven hundred or more cows in a confined industrial environment may be called a large CAFO. These cows are feeding 24/7 and are milked three times a day. They are packed into factory-size buildings, and are never on pasture, where they would be spread out feeding on grass and where the soil could use and absorb their drier manure. Instead, the waste is liquefied, pumped into a lagoon, and then applied untreated onto fields, where it may run quickly into the tile drains and ditches.

Will the raw, untreated manure be spread on fields even closer to your home or school? Will this discourage new families from locating (*and bring their tax dollars*) to your school district? Will the liquid manure runoff into streams and ditches and end up in the Maumee or Portage Rivers and Lake Erie, which are already listed as *impaired* water bodies?

Think about your children participating in outdoor activities at schools, parks, bike trails, or in your own backyard. Think about the health ramifications such as respiratory ailments, neurological and mood disorders, severe gastrointestinal disease, burning eyes, e-coli, hydrogen sulfide gas poisoning, ammonia irritation, and sometimes death in humans.

THE VALUE OF YOUR HOME COULD DECREASE SUBSTANTIALLY!

Landowners/operators may be held liable in the event of a manure runoff into waters of Ohio.

NOTE: If area landowners do not accept the spreading of liquid manure on their fields, a Factory Farm will have difficulty locating in Wood County.

Facts about Factory Farms:

- Factory Farms are pushing out the family farmer.
- The three CAFOs could use 256,000 gallons per day (based on 3,200 cows x 80 gal/day)

That is twice as much water as all the citizens in Cygnet, Jerry City, Rudolph, Portage and Custar use per day combined!

- One cow produces 120 lbs. of wet manure per day (times 3,200 = 384,000 lbs/day) which means these three factory farms will produce over 70,000 TONS of liquid manure per year.
- The liquid manure will collect untreated in a standing storage pond.
- Participating farmers will spread this “liquid manure” on fields – possibly near you.
- Antibiotic Resistance – 70% of all antibiotics in the U.S. are fed to healthy animals merely to promote growth and ward off disease that would otherwise run rampant in factory farm conditions. This unnecessary use of antibiotics fosters the development of antibiotic-resistant bacteria that can spread to other animals and humans.
- The U.S.E.P.A. blames current farming practices for 70% of the pollution in the nation’s rivers and streams.
- Taxpayers will pay for road repair due to this traffic (1 semi truck = 1,000 cars)