



**Total permitted animal capacity from all permits for this site:**

12,000 beef finishers,  
600 farrow to finish swine,  
150 milking cows (plus associated dries and replacements),  
300 chicken layers,  
25,000 chicken broilers,  
800 ducks, and  
300 geese

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In consideration of Decision Summary LA18047A, Approval LA18047A is issued to:

Name: Hutterian Brethren of Murray Lake ("the permit holder")  
Address: Box 1390, Medicine Hat AB T1A 7N3  
Contact person: Richard Hofer

**Permitted construction** (based on the submitted site plan):

- Swine barn (110 m x 60 m)
- Dairy barn (76 m x 30 m)
- Poultry barn (ducks, geese, layers) (13 m x 49 m)
- Poultry broiler barn (90 m x 20 m)
- Dry cow/calf barn (30 m x 15 m)
- Dry cow/calf exercise pen (108 m x 48 m)
- Earthen manure storage (EMS)
  - cell 1: (50 m x 60 m)
  - cell 2: (90 m x 60 m)

The permit holder shall comply with the requirements of the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* (AOPA) and the regulations passed pursuant to that act.

The permit holder shall adhere to the descriptions contained in the filed application Approval LA18047 and Authorization LA21021 together with the site plan, building plans, engineering reports and other attached documents, unless otherwise noted in the following conditions unless otherwise noted in the following conditions.

The permit holder shall contact the NRCB at least 10 working days in advance of the desired inspection date to schedule the inspection in condition #10.

**Construction conditions** carried forward from LA18047

Swine barn:

1. A completion report confirming the swine barn liner materials and construction procedures, prepared by a qualified third party, must be provided to the NRCB prior to animals or manure entering the barn.

Dairy barn:

2. A completion report confirming the dairy barn liner material and construction procedures, prepared by a qualified third party, must be provided to the NRCB prior to animals or manure entering the barn.



Duck, goose, and layer barn:

3. A completion report confirming the duck, goose and layer barn liner materials and construction procedures, prepared by a qualified third party, must be provided to the NRCB prior to animals or manure entering the barn.

Broiler barn:

4. A completion report confirming the broiler barn liner materials and construction procedures, prepared by a qualified third party, must be provided to the NRCB prior to animals or manure entering the barn.

Dry cow/ calf barn and exercise pen:

5. A completion report confirming the dry cow/calf barn liner materials and construction procedures, prepared by a qualified third party, must be provided to the NRCB prior to animals or manure entering the barn.
6. A completion report confirming the dry cow/calf exercise pen liner materials and construction procedures, prepared by a qualified third party, must be provided to the NRCB prior to animals or manure entering the pen.

Earthen manure storage (EMS):

7. A completion report confirming the EMS liner material and construction procedures, prepared by a qualified third party, must be provided to the NRCB prior to manure entering the EMS. The completion report must include:
  - Verification that the EMS is located according to the site plan provided.
  - Verification of the EMS size, including depths below and above grade.

Calving barn and pens:

8. A completion report confirming the calving barn and pens liner materials and construction procedures, prepared by a qualified third party, must be provided to the NRCB prior to animals or manure entering the barn or pens.

Post Construction:

9. Construction of the manure collection and storage portions of the CFO facilities cited in conditions #1 through #8 must be completed prior to November 30, 2028. Upon request, this deadline may be extended by the NRCB in writing.
10. The manure storage portion of the barns, the exercise pen, and the EMS must be inspected by NRCB personnel prior to animals or manure being placed in the new facilities.
11. If there are changes to the Agricultural Operation Practices Act and Regulations, all confined feeding operation facilities cited in conditions #1, through #8 constructed after that time must meet the revised legislation.

This approval becomes effective immediately. The approval conditions will remain in effect unless amended in writing by the NRCB.



Approval LA18047 and Authorization LA21021 are hereby cancelled and are no longer in effect, unless Approval LA18047A is held invalid, in which case the previous permits will remain in effect.

August 9, 2023

(Original signed)

Cailyn Wilson, PAg  
Approval Officer



**LA18047A – Appendix**

**Existing and permitted facilities**

<p>Approval LA18047</p>	<p><i>Permitted, but not yet constructed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swine barn - 110 m x 60 m</li> <li>• Dairy barn - 76 m x 30 m</li> <li>• Poultry barn (ducks, geese, layers) – 13 m x 49 m</li> <li>• Poultry broiler barn – 90 m x 20 m</li> <li>• Dry cow/calf barn – 30 m x 15 m</li> <li>• Dry cow/calf exercise pen – 108 m x 48 m</li> <li>• Earthen manure storage             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ cell 1 – 50 m x 60 m</li> <li>○ cell 2 – 90 m x 60 m</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Already constructed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedlot pens - 609.6 m x 187.5 m</li> <li>• Catch basin - 64.0 m x 42.7 m x 5.0 m deep</li> <li>• Feedlot – 533 m x 392 m</li> <li>• 2 runoff catch basins – each 55 m x 42 m x 1.8 m deep</li> <li>• Secondary runoff catch basin – 220 m x 42 m x 2.8 m deep</li> <li>• Animal shelter - 24.4 m x 15.2 m</li> <li>• Exercise pen - 12.2 m x 12.2 m</li> <li>• Wash water transfer pit - 6.1 m x 3.1 m x 3.1 m</li> </ul>
<p>Authorization LA21021</p>	<p><i>Already constructed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poultry barn - 25 m x 45 m</li> <li>• Exercise and scratch pen – 20 m x 20 m</li> </ul>

**Construction conditions** (already met and brought forward from Approval LA18047)

Animal shelter, exercise pen, wash water pit (carried forward from Authorization LA17013)

1. The permit holder shall complete construction of the manure collection and storage portion of the animal shelter, exercise pen, and wash water pit prior to March 31, 2020. Upon request in writing, this deadline may be extended by the NRCB.
2. The permit holder shall not place manure or livestock in the animal shelter, exercise pen, or wash water pit until the facilities have been inspected by the NRCB and determined (in writing) to have been constructed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this permit.

Feedlot Pens (new in Approval LA18047)

14. The permit holder shall complete construction of the manure collection and

storage portions of the feedlot pens prior to November 30, 2021. Upon request, this deadline may be extended by the NRCB in writing.

15. The permit holder shall not place livestock or manure in the feedlot pens until the **NRCB** has inspected the pens and stated in writing that the pens have been constructed in accordance with this approval.

Catch basin (new in Approval LA18047)

16. The permit holder shall complete construction of the manure collection and storage portions of the catch basin prior to November 30, 2021. Upon request, this deadline may be extended by the NRCB in writing.
17. The permit holder shall provide the **NRCB** with a written construction completion report for the catch basin. The report shall be stamped and signed by a "professional engineer," as defined in the Standards and Administration Regulation, and shall certify that the catch basin was constructed according to the recommended construction procedures in the July 5, 2018 Parkland Geo report which can be found in Technical Document LA18047. This report must also confirm that the hydraulic conductivity of the constructed liner meets, or exceeds AOPA's requirements.
18. The permit holder shall not allow run-off to enter the catch basin until the NRCB has inspected the catch basin and stated in writing that it has been constructed in accordance with this approval.

**Construction conditions** (already met and brought forward from Authorization LA21021)

1. The concrete used to construct the manure storage and collection system in the poultry barn must have a minimum 28-day strength of 25 MPa. The permit holder shall provide documentation to the NRCB to confirm the specifications of the concrete used in the construction. This document must be provided to the NRCB prior to the inspection referenced in condition three below or by a later date stated by the NRCB.
2. The permit holder shall complete construction of the manure collection and storage portions of the poultry barn prior to December 30, 2022. Upon request, this deadline may be extended by the NRCB in writing.
3. The permit holder shall not place livestock or manure in the poultry barn until the NRCB has inspected the barn and stated in writing that it has been constructed in accordance with this authorization.