



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

122 milking cows (plus associated dries and replacements)  
15,000 chicken layers  
2,000 beef finishers  
7,200 nursery to finisher hogs  
1,200 chicken broilers  
1,200 ducks  
400 geese  
300 turkeys

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In consideration of Decision Summary RA23004, Approval RA23004 is issued to:

Name: Hutterian Brethren Church of Valley View (the “permit holder”)  
Address: Box 99 Torrington, AB T0M 2B0  
Contact person: Jonathan Stahl

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

- Dairy barn (95.7 m x 21.95 m)
- Calf barn (30.2 m x 13.7 m)
- Layer barn with attached manure storage facility (51.5 m x 33.84 m)
- Synthetically lined liquid manure storage (120 m x 80 m x 4.5 m)

**Ancillary facilities**

- Milk service building (12.8 m x 21.95 m)
- Livestock feed kitchen (30.73 m x 14.02 m)
- Layer office/service building (33.84 m x 17.22 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 for Approvals RA10031A and RA23004 together with the site plan, building plans, engineering reports and other attached documents, 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 conditions 2, 5, 8, and 11.

The permit holder is responsible for all costs associated with recording and reporting requirements.

**Construction conditions**

**Dairy Barn**

1. The concrete used to construct the liner of the dairy barn must meet the specifications for category B (liquid manure shallow pits), and category C (solid manure-wet), in Technical



Guideline Agdex 096-93 “Non-Engineered Concrete Liners for Manure Collection and Storage Areas.” The co-permit holders shall provide written confirmation confirming that the concrete used for the manure collection and storage areas meets the required specifications.

2. The permit holder shall not allow livestock or manure in the dairy barn, until the facility has been inspected by NRCB personnel and confirmed by them, in writing to have been constructed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this permit.
3. The permit holder shall complete construction of the manure collection and storage portions of the dairy barn prior to December 31, 2026. Upon request, this deadline may be extended by the NRCB in writing.

#### **Calf Barn**

4. The concrete used to construct the liner of the calf barn must meet the specifications for category D (solid manure-dry), in Technical Guideline Agdex 096-93 “Non-Engineered Concrete Liners for Manure Collection and Storage Areas.” The permit holder shall provide written confirmation confirming that the concrete used for the manure collection and storage areas meets the required specifications.
5. The permit holder shall not allow livestock or manure in the calf barn, until the facility has been inspected by NRCB personnel and confirmed by them, in writing to have been constructed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this permit.
6. The permit holder shall complete construction of the manure collection and storage portions of the calf barn prior to December 31, 2026. Upon request, this deadline may be extended by the NRCB in writing.

#### **Layer Barn**

7. The concrete used to construct the liner of the layer barn must meet the specifications for category D (solid manure-dry), in Technical Guideline Agdex 096-93 “Non-Engineered Concrete Liners for Manure Collection and Storage Areas.” The permit holder shall provide written confirmation confirming that the concrete used for the manure collection and storage areas meets the required specifications.
8. The permit holder shall not allow birds or manure in the layer barn, until the facility has been inspected by NRCB personnel and confirmed by them, in writing to have been constructed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this permit.
9. The permit holder shall complete construction of the manure collection and storage portions of the layer barn prior to December 31, 2026. Upon request, this deadline may be extended by the NRCB in writing.

### **Synthetically lined liquid manure storage facility**

10. The permit holder shall provide the NRCB with a written construction completion report for the synthetic lined liquid manure storage facility. The report shall be signed by a qualified professional and shall verify:
  - The liner type
  - The liner thickness
  - That the synthetic liner was installed in accordance with the liner supplier's requirements
  - Provide seam test results
  - Provide repair details during construction, if any
  - That the facility is located according to the approved site plan
  - The facility size, including depths below and above grade
  - The facility side slopes and,
  - The proper subgrade preparation.
11. The permit holder shall not allow manure in the synthetically lined liquid manure storage facility, until the facility has been inspected by NRCB personnel and confirmed by them, in writing to have been constructed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this permit.
12. The permit holder shall complete construction of the manure storage portions of the synthetically lined liquid manure storage facility prior to December 31, 2026. Upon request, this deadline may be extended by the NRCB in writing.

### **Decommissioning**

13. The permit holder shall decommission the existing dairy barn, in accordance with Technical Guideline Agdex 096-90, "Closure of Manure Storage Facilities and Manure Collection Areas". This shall be completed within 1 year of the construction completion of the new dairy barn. Upon request, this deadline may be extended by the NRCB in writing.
14. The permit holder shall decommission the existing calf barn, in accordance with Technical Guideline Agdex 096-90, "Closure of Manure Storage Facilities and Manure Collection Areas". This shall be completed within 1 year of the construction completion of the new calf barn. Upon request, this deadline may be extended by the NRCB in writing.
15. The permit holder shall decommission the existing layer barn, in accordance with Technical Guideline Agdex 096-90, "Closure of Manure Storage Facilities and Manure Collection Areas". This shall be completed within 1 year of the construction completion of the new layer barn. Upon request, this deadline may be extended by the NRCB in writing.
16. The permit holder shall decommission the existing concrete liquid manure storage facility, in accordance with Technical Guideline Agdex 096-90, "Closure of Manure Storage Facilities and Manure Collection Areas". This shall be completed within 1 year of the construction completion of the new liquid manure storage facility. Upon request, this deadline may be extended by the NRCB in writing.



**Operating conditions (carried forward from RA10031A)**

17. The owner/operator shall conduct leak detection monitoring for the feedlot and catch basin, according to a groundwater monitoring system prescribed and authorized in writing, and as amended from time to time where appropriate, by the NRCB.
18. The catch basin has to be emptied before November of each year with the solids being removed on an annual basis to maintain full capacity of the catch basin.
19. The operator is to notify the NRCB if liner deficiencies such as water pooling or other drainage problems, dishing of pens, elevation difference between the concrete bunk area and the compacted clay liner as well as any other forms of liner deterioration are identified. A repair plan must be submitted and approved by the NRCB prior to repair work being undertaken. After completion of the repair work, the site will be inspected by an NRCB inspector prior to livestock being reintroduced into the effected pen(s).
20. The operator must comply with the manure application and record keeping requirements in the AOPA Standards and Administration Regulation.

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

RA10031A is hereby superseded, and its content consolidated into this Approval RA23004, unless Approval RA23004 is held invalid following a review and decision by the NRCB's board members or by a court, in which case RA10031A will remain in effect.

August 22, 2023

(Original signed)

Lynn Stone  
Approval Officer



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**Approval RA23004 – Appendix**

**Existing permitted facilities**

Facility	Dimensions (m)	From
8 feedlot pens	200 ft. x 240 ft. (60.96 m x 73.15 m)	RA10031A which replaced Municipal Permit #2015-99
Catch basin	200 ft. x 200 ft. (60.96 m x 60.96 m)	RA10031A which replaced Municipal Permit #2015-99
Hog barn #1	97.56 m x 24.4 m	Municipal Permit #1439-94
Hog barn #2	117.38 m x 25.9 m	Municipal Permit #1439-94
Dairy barn	264 ft. x 44 ft (80.47 m x 13.41 m)	Municipal Permit #1317-92(to be decommissioned)
Calf barn	30.5 m x 13.71 m	Pre-2002 (to be decommissioned)
Concrete liquid manure storage facility (round)	Approx 8' deep; 150' in diameter	Municipal Permit #1439-94 (to be decommissioned)
Layer barn	36.58 m x 12.2 m	Pre-2002 (to be decommissioned)
Duck/Goose barn	30.5 m x 12.2 m	Pre-2002
Broiler barn	24.5 m x 9.2 m	Pre-2002