



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

450 sow farrow to finish  
30,000 layer chickens  
6,000 broiler chickens

200 milking cows (plus associated dries and replacements)

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In consideration of Decision Summary RA24002, Approval RA24002 is issued to:

Name: Suncrest Hutterian Brethren operating as Suncrest Farming Co. Ltd. (the  
"permit holder")  
Address: PO Box 780 Castor, AB T0C 0X0  
Contact person: Paul Hofer

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

- Chicken layer barn – 120.4 m x 32.6 m
- Attached manure storage – 21.3 m x 9.1 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, the site plan, building plans, and other attached documents included with filed Application RA24002. Approvals RA10046B and RA10046A, RA10046, and Authorizations RA13013 and RA13013A must also be adhered to 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 3.

The permit holder is responsible for all costs associated all reporting requirements (this includes post construction reports).

**Construction conditions**

Layer barn with attached manure storage

1. The concrete used to construct the liner of the manure collection and storage portion of the layer barn with attached manure storage shall meet the specification for category D (solid manure – dry) in Technical Guideline Agdex 096-93 "Non-Engineered Concrete Liners for Manure Collection and Storage Areas."
2. The permit holder shall provide documentation to confirm the specifications of the concrete used to construct the manure storage and collection portions of the layer barn with attached manure storage.
3. The permit holder shall not allow livestock or manure in the new layer barn or manure in the attached manure storage until the facilities have 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.

4. The permit holder shall complete construction of the manure collection and storage portions of the new layer barn and attached manure storage prior to June 30, 2026. Upon request, this deadline may be extended by the NRCB in writing.

### **Facility decommissioning**

5. The existing layer barn shall be decommissioned in accordance with Technical Guideline Agdex 096-90, "Closure of Manure Storage Facilities and Manure Collection Areas" within 1 year of the birds being removed from the barn.

### **Operating conditions**

3. c. Reporting of leakage detection well results must be done at the time of leakage detection well installation and every 12 months thereafter. The report will include, but will not be limited to:

- Background information – site description, soil logs, diagrams
- Water level elevations
- Elevation of liquid manure in the EMS at the time of water sampling
- Dates when the EMS was emptied
- Inspection of the surface well casing for its integrity
- Explanation of the water sampling collection technique
- Field and laboratory work
- Laboratory reports as follows:

Indicators to be done at the time of leakage detection well installation and every 12 months thereafter:

- $\frac{3}{4}$  pH, Total Dissolved Solids, Electrical Conductivity
- $\frac{3}{4}$  Chloride, Potassium, Orthophosphates, DOC
- $\frac{3}{4}$  Nitrogen Species: Ammonia, Nitrate Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen
- $\frac{3}{4}$  Bacterial: E-Coli

- Discussion and explanation of the results including a trend analysis
- Recommendations

The reports are to be submitted to the NRCB until such time as the NRCB adjusts the monitoring frequency, test parameters and/or report contents.

4. Manure application:
  - a. The operator must maintain manure application records as identified in the regulations.
  - b. Surface applied manure must be incorporated within 24 hours of spreading.

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



Approvals RA10046A and RA10046B, and Authorizations RA13013 and RA13013A are hereby superseded, and their content consolidated into this Approval RA24002, unless Approval RA24002 is held invalid following a review and decision by the NRCB's board members or by a court, in which case Approvals RA10046A and RA10046B, and Authorizations RA13013 and RA13013A will remain in effect.

June 20, 2024

(Original signed)

Sarah Neff  
Approval Officer



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**Approval RA24002 – Appendix**

**Existing permitted facilities**

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Dimensions (m)</b>	
Layer Barn	52.3 m x 12.3 m	Deemed
Broiler Barn	54.7 m x 11.2 m	Deemed
Sow Barn	92.3 m x 12.3 m	Deemed
Farrow Barn	92.3 m x 12.3 m	Deemed
Feeder Barn	80 m x 12.3 m	Deemed
Pre-grower and Grower Barn	92.3 m x 20 m	Deemed
Gilt Room with concrete pits for liquid manure	48 ft. x 50 ft. (14.6 m x 15.2 m)	RA03021
Dairy Barn	88.4 m x 46.3 m	RA10046B
Dairy catch basin	30m x 30m x 1.5m	RA13013
Dairy EMS	79m x 49m x 4.3m (deep)	RA10046A
Calf Barn	36.0 m x 20.1 m	RA10046B
Hog EMS	9222 m <sup>3</sup>	Deemed
Dairy Replacement Facility	192 m x 67 m	RA13013