

Notice of Application

Confined Feeding Operation

Martin Van Aken on behalf of Van Aken Farms Ltd. has filed Application RA24018 with the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) to obtain an approval to change livestock category from dairy to beef finishers and to expand an existing confined feeding operation (CFO) on the NE 19-42-26 W4M in Ponoka County, Alberta. The application is to decrease the permitted number of dairy cows (plus associated dries and replacements) from 190 to zero, to increase the permitted number of beef finishers from zero to 2,500, and to construct feedlot pens and a catch basin.

Filing a Response

Any person who is directly affected by the application may submit a written response to the NRCB. The response must be received by the NRCB on or before **4:30 pm on October 17, 2024**. Submissions should be made to the NRCB address provided below. All attachments sent electronically must be in a pdf format. A copy of the responses will be sent to the applicant for comment. Responses regarding the application may be posted on the NRCB's public website, as they are public records and are non-confidential.

Your written response must include your name, the legal land description of your residence or landholdings, mailing address, phone number, and email. You must also explain how you are directly affected. For further information please refer to the fact sheet "The Permitting Process for Confined Feeding Operations in Alberta" at www.nrcb.ca.

Failure to submit a written response affects your right to apply for an NRCB Board review.

Viewing the Application

A complete copy of the application and supporting documents submitted by the applicant under the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* may be viewed on the NRCB website at www.nrcb.ca (under Confined Feeding Operations / Notice of Approval and Registration Applications). The application will also be available for in-person viewing at the Red Deer office by appointment. If you require further information, please contact the approval officer listed below.

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The closing date for submissions:
4:30 pm on October 17, 2024

Dated at Red Deer, AB, on September 18, 2024