



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

3,000 beef finishers  
120 milking cows (plus associated dries and replacements)  
35,000 chicken layers  
40,000 chicken pullets  
200 geese  
400 turkeys  
209 sheep

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In consideration of Decision Summary RA24043, Approval RA24043 is issued to:

Name: Hutterian Brethren Church of Donalda and Donalda Farming Co. Ltd.  
(the “co-permit holders”)  
Address: Box 220 Donalda, AB T0B 1H0  
Contact person: Kenneth Hofer

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

- Feedlot pens – 304.8 m x 103.6 m – total dimensions (10 pens)
- 3 additional pens (to be used as shipping/receiving and sick pens) – 60.9 m x 103.6 m - total dimensions
- Processing barn – 24.3 m x 36.6 m
- Catch basin - 103.6 m x 60.9 m x 2 m deep

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

The co-permit holders shall adhere to the descriptions, the site plan, building plans, operating plan, engineering reports and other attached documents included with filed Application RA24043 and Approval RA20018.

The co-permit holders shall contact the NRCB at least 10 working days in advance of the desired inspection date to schedule the inspection in conditions 3, 7 and 10.

The co-permit holders are responsible for all costs associated with monitoring, sampling, testing, recording, and reporting requirements (this includes post construction reports).

**Construction conditions**

Livestock pens (feedlot and shipping/receiving/sick pens)

1. The concrete used to construct the liner of the manure collection and storage portions of the livestock pens to meet the specifications for category C (solid manure – wet) in Technical Guideline Agdex 096-93 “Non-Engineered Concrete Liners for Manure Collection and Storage Areas”.
2. The co-permit holders shall provide documentation to confirm the specifications of the concrete used to construct the manure storage and collection portions of the livestock pens.

3. The co-permit holders shall not place livestock or manure in the livestock pens until the catch basin has been constructed, and the pens and catch basin 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 co-permit holders shall complete construction of the livestock pens prior to November 30, 2028. Upon request, this deadline may be extended by the NRCB in writing.

#### Processing barn

5. The concrete used to construct the liner of the manure collection and storage portions of the processing barn to 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”.
6. The co-permit holders shall provide documentation to confirm the specifications of the concrete used to construct the manure storage and collection portions of the processing barn.
7. The co-permit holders shall not place livestock or manure in the processing barn until the barn 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.
8. The co-permit holders shall complete construction of the processing barn prior to November 30, 2028. Upon request, this deadline may be extended by the NRCB in writing.

#### Catch basin

9. The co-permit holders shall provide an engineer's completion report certifying that the catch basin was constructed with the same liner material as that used for hydraulic conductivity testing and that the catch basin was constructed according to the proposed location, procedures and design specifications, including depth and side slopes.
10. The co-permit holders shall not allow manure contaminated runoff to enter the catch basin until it 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.
11. The co-permit holders shall complete construction of the catch basin prior to November 30, 2028. Upon request, this deadline may be extended by the NRCB in writing.

#### **Operating conditions**

1. Protection of the intermittent creek  
The co-permit holders shall maintain the protective berm between corrals one, two, and three and the intermittent creek unless otherwise stated by the NRCB. The berm must be high enough to prevent manure impacted surface water from leaving the corrals.



2. Water quality testing

The co-permit holders shall sample and test raw groundwater from water well ID's #105422, #298251, and #2029737, according to the water well monitoring requirements prescribed by the NRCB in writing ("Sampling for Water Well Monitoring" Fact Sheet). The NRCB may, based on the monitoring results and at its discretion, revise those requirements from time to time, in writing.

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

Approval RA20018 is hereby superseded, and its content consolidated into this Approval RA24043, unless Approval RA24043 is held invalid following a review and decision by the NRCB's board members or by a court, in which case Approval RA20018 will remain in effect.

March 19, 2025

(Original signed)

Sarah Neff  
Approval Officer

## Approval RA24043 – Appendix

### Existing permitted facilities

Facility	Dimensions (m)	From
Layer barn	68.5 x 11.5	Deemed permit
Pullet barn	44.1 x 11.5	
Chicken broiler barn	58.0 x 10.4	
Turkey barn	21.0 x 8.8	
Turkey pen	60 x 35	
Duck and geese barn	25.8 x 6.1	
Dry cow corrals	6,000 m <sup>2</sup>	
Corral 1 (dairy)	90 x 158 x 161 (triangular)	
Corral 2 (dairy)	108 x 80 x 57 (triangular)	
Corral 3 (dairy)	29 x 29	
Compost area	31 x 18	
Sheep barns	58.6 x 10.6 (dimensions includes both barns)	
Sheep pens	34 x 29, 27 x 29, and 44 x 46	
Permastore manure tank	32 (diameter) x 8 (deep)	
Dry cow shed	19.6 x 10.4	
Dairy barn	60 x 41	Approval RA15023
Calf barn	24 x 20	Authorization RA16049
Manure lift station	2.3 x 1.3 x 3.0	
Building housing manure separator/screw press	4.6 x 4.6	Approval RA15023A
Dry cow and young stock shed (with attached solid manure storage pad)	20.5 x 113	
Layer barn	97 m x 25 m	Approval RA20018

### Construction conditions previously met (brought forward from RA20018)

#### 1. Concrete

The concrete used to construct the layer barn must be sulphate resistant and have a minimum 56-day compressive strength of 32 MPa. The permit holder shall provide proof, prepared by a qualified third party, to the NRCB to confirm the specifications of the concrete used in the construction. This proof must be submitted prior to the inspection referenced in condition three, or by a later date stated in writing by the NRCB.

#### 2. Construction completion deadline

The permit holder shall complete construction of the manure collection and storage portions of the layer barn prior to September 30, 2021. Upon request, this deadline may be extended by the NRCB in writing.

3. Post-construction inspection

The permit holder shall not allow livestock or manure in the layer barn until it has been inspected by NRCB personnel and determined by them, in writing, to have been constructed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this permit.

5. Duck/geese seasonal pens relocated to old dairy corrals

As of March 1, 2016, the permit holder shall not allow ducks or geese in the existing seasonal feeding pen and shall relocate them to the old dairy corrals, which will be converted to hold ducks and geese. This condition shall take effect March 1, 2016 unless otherwise directed in writing by the NRCB.