



**Decision Report PB25001 for  
Grandfathered (Deemed) Permit Determination  
under the  
*Agricultural Operation Practices Act*  
Malda Farms Ltd. (Jim and Ruth Malda)  
NW-36-56-03-W5**

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## 1.0 Introduction and background

This document sets out the written reasons for my determination of the livestock capacity and type in a deemed permit under the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* (AOPA). The subject of the determination is a poultry operation located on NW-36-56-03-W5 (this quarter section will be referred to as “the site”). The site is located in Lac Ste. Anne County, approximately 4 kilometres north-east of the hamlet of Rich Valley. The process of ascertaining livestock capacity and livestock type under a deemed permit is known commonly as a “grandfathering” determination.

On April 29, 2025, Ruth Malda of Malda Farms Ltd. contacted the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) and requested that the NRCB conduct a grandfathering determination for their poultry confined feeding operation (CFO). The grandfathering determination was requested at NW-36-56-03-W5 and it claimed 14,977 chicken breeders and 17,587 chicken pullets (Appendix A). The CFO operates under the corporate name of Malda Farms Ltd. and the land is owned by Malda Farms Ltd.

This CFO does not have a development permit from Lac Ste. Anne County. Under section 18.1(1)(a) of AOPA, CFOs that existed (even without a municipal development permit) on January 1, 2002, are grandfathered.

In an NRCB permit denial (BA03013), there had been recognition of a certain number of broiler breeders, roosters, and pullets. However, since then, new evidence has come to the NRCB's attention (e.g. 2005 Lac Ste. Anne County letter, see part 3.3 below and Appendix P). The NRCB has also, since then, clarified its approach to grandfathering to reflect the capacity of the operation to house livestock, rather than simply what the operation was housing in 2002.

It is therefore necessary for me to determine:

1. Was there a “CFO” on this site on January 1, 2002?
2. Was the CFO above the permitting thresholds under AOPA on January 1, 2002?
3. If so, what was the footprint on January 1, 2002?
4. What were the structures on January 1, 2002? How were the structures being used?
5. What, if any, permits or licences did the operation hold?
6. What category(ies) of livestock was the CFO confining and feeding, or permitted to confine and feed? What type(s) of livestock in that category (e.g. breeders, layers, pullets)? What livestock numbers were permitted or being held for each type of livestock?
7. What was the capacity of the structures to confine livestock on January 1, 2002?
8. Is the claimed capacity within a reasonable range of the physical capacity on January 1, 2002?

For the reasons that follow, I concluded that under section 18.1 of AOPA, the CFO at NW-36-56-03-W5, currently owned by Malda Farms Ltd. (Ruth and Jim Malda) has a deemed approval with the capacity for 14,977 chicken breeders and 17,587 chicken pullets. The CFO has not been abandoned and the deemed NRCB permit under AOPA is still valid today.

To ensure transparency with AOPA and consistent decision-making, a complete and thorough investigation was conducted to address the questions listed above, ensuring that all relevant aspects of the operation were considered in making a formal grandfathering determination.

## 2.0 Context and process

### 2.1 Legal context

Under section 18.1(1)(a) of the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act* (AOPA), the owner or operator of a confined feeding operation that existed on January 1, 2002, for which a development permit was not issued by the municipality is deemed to have been issued a permit under AOPA. The capacity allowed by a deemed permit is the capacity of the enclosures to confine livestock at the CFO on January 1, 2002 – section 18.1(2)(a) of AOPA.

The term “capacity” refers to a CFO’s livestock numbers, or manure storage capacity, not to the scope of the CFO’s facilities. The term “deemed capacity” refers to the maximum number of livestock, or maximum volume or tonnage of manure storage, allowed by a CFO’s deemed permit as determined under section 18.1(2) of AOPA.

The question of whether there was a “confined feeding operation” on this site on January 1, 2002 may turn on the definition of “CFO” in AOPA. In AOPA, “confined feeding operation” is a defined term in section 1(b.6):

*“confined feeding operation” means fenced or enclosed land or buildings where livestock are confined for the purpose of growing, sustaining, finishing or breeding by means other than grazing and any other building or structure directly related to that purpose but does not include ... livestock seasonal feeding and bedding sites....*

To be grandfathered, a CFO must have been at or above AOPA threshold numbers on January 1, 2002. The Part 2 Matters Regulation under AOPA identifies the threshold to require a permit for chicken breeders is 1,000 for a registration and 16,000 for an approval and chicken pullets is 2,000 for a registration and 60,000 for an approval.

The Administrative Procedures Regulation under AOPA includes section 11 governing deemed permit investigations. Section 11(1) of the Regulation states that:

*11(1) At the request of an owner or operator for a determination related to a deemed permit under section 18.1 of the Act, or in response to a complaint where a determination of the terms or conditions or existence of a deemed permit is required, an inspector shall conduct an investigation to determine the capacity of a confined feeding operation or manure storage facility*

- (a) that was in place on January 1, 2002, or*
- (b) that was constructed pursuant to a development permit issued before January 1, 2002.*

The NRCB has formalized grandfathering decisions by adopting processes set out in section 11 of the Administrative Procedures Regulations under AOPA and through the NRCB Operational Policy 2023-01: *Grandfathering (Deemed Permit)*. These documents provide the framework to establish the facts and the scope of the grandfathering determination process.

### 2.2 Standard of proof

Section 11 of the Administrative Procedures Regulation under AOPA states that an inspector shall conduct an investigation to determine capacity of a CFO in place on January 1, 2002. Grandfathering determinations require findings of fact. Whether a CFO existed on January 1,

2002, above threshold, is a question of fact. Similarly, what category and type of livestock, and what capacity the CFO had on January 1, 2002 are also questions of fact.

If not otherwise specified in legislation, the standard of proof in a civil administrative proceeding like this is a “balance of probabilities”—that is, whether a relevant fact is more likely than not to be true.

### **2.3 Flexible approach to grandfathering date**

Section 18.1 of AOPA focuses on facts as they existed on the precise grandfathering date of January 1, 2002. However, I generally sought evidence as to the type of livestock and the livestock capacity at the operation between 2000 and 2004 (See Operational Policy 2023-1: *Grandfathering (Deemed Permit)*, part 6.0). Considering the operation for at least two years before and two years past the January 1, 2002, grandfathering date seemed useful because witnesses might not remember what occurred on the exact date of January 1, 2002 and documents may not have the exact date. Also, considering how an operation functioned over a range of dates might shed additional light on how the operation functioned on a given day within that range.

The NRCB generally uses a pragmatic and flexible approach toward applying the January 1, 2002 grandfathering date. This approach is reasonable because a more rigid or stricter application of the January 1, 2002 grandfathering date could lead to unfair results if, for example, an operation happened to have emptied its enclosures on January 1, 2002, or was half-way through rebuilding or constructing the enclosures on that date, or had shut down temporarily due to a short-term market crises. Thus, the 2000 to 2004 range was meant to generate sufficient evidence to apply this pragmatic and flexible approach.

### **2.4 Notice**

Under Part 2 Matters Regulation of AOPA, the municipality where the CFO is located is an affected party (see section 5 of the regulation). As such, the NRCB provided notice of the grandfathering investigation to Lac Ste. Anne County and invited comments. The NRCB also sent information to Alberta Environment and Protected Areas and to Ste. Anne Natural Gas CO-OP Limited.

I sought neighbours’ perspectives on the factual questions of capacity and type of livestock being confined and fed on January 1, 2002. I wanted to collect relevant historical information from those who may have lived in the area around that date. Notice is required in section 11(2) of AOPA’s Administrative Procedures Regulation. Before determining a deemed approval for an operation that was in place on January 1, 2002, the NRCB inspector is required to provide notice to those parties “who would be entitled to notice under section 19(1) of AOPA” for a new CFO with the same capacity.

In this case, the claimed capacity is 14,977 chicken breeders and 17,587 chicken pullets, which puts the distance for affected persons entitled to notice under section 19(1) of AOPA at 0.5 miles. The distance is set out in section 5 of the Part 2 Matters Regulation.

On May 12, 2025, notice of the grandfathered (deemed) permit determination request was published in the *Lac Ste. Anne Bulletin*. In the notice, I advised of the claim by Malda Farms Ltd., for a deemed permit for 14,977 chicken breeders and 17,587 pullets, and I invited the public to provide written submissions related to the facilities, capacity and type of livestock

produced by the CFO on January 1, 2002. I also invited the public to apply for status as directly affected parties. The deadline for written submissions was June 10, 2025.

In addition, on May 7, 2025, 5 notification letters were sent to people who (according to Lac Ste. Anne County) reside on or own land within a 0.5 mile radius of the operation who might have relevant information as to the capacity and type of livestock that the CFO produced around January 1, 2002. The notification letters included information similar to that in the newspaper notice.

The NRCB published notice of the grandfathering determination on its public website at [www.nrcb.ca](http://www.nrcb.ca), as well as the grandfathering determination request form submitted by Ruth Malda.

### **3.0 Evidence**

#### **3.1 Information at the NRCB**

On March 26, 2003, this confined feeding operation applied to the NRCB for an Approval to expand their broiler breeder poultry operation. The expansion was to consist of the construction of an additional barn to house poultry and an increase in animal numbers. On October 31, 2003, the NRCB wrote decision report BA03013 which denied this application due to the site not meeting the requirements of minimal distance separation (Appendix B).

The decision report BA03013 shows that Malda Farms Ltd. was operating a broiler breeder CFO in 2003, and it lists the animal numbers that Malda Farms Ltd. had at the time of their permit application (12,310 broiler breeders, 1,230 roosters and 3,940 pullets).

#### **3.2 Information from operator**

Ruth Malda provided eleven documents that supported the claimed grandfathered capacity of a 14,977 chicken breeders and 17,587 chicken pullet operation.

The first two documents are dated June 15, 2000 (Appendix C) and February 13, 2003 (Appendix D). These documents are letters from Maple Leaf Poultry and Cobb-Vantress Inc. The letters list the type of animals as poultry breeders and show that Malda Farms Ltd. was operating as a poultry breeder operation in these years.

The third document is an opinion of value letter for the operation from Sunnyside Realty Ltd., dated November 2, 2000 (Appendix E). This document lists the dimensions of the two-layer barns as well as the dimensions of the grower barn that existed at this site. This document also specifies that the operation is a broiler breeder farm.

Documents four, five and six are Alberta Hatching Egg Producers Quota Certificates and are dated January 1, 2000, January 1, 2001, and January 1, 2002 (Appendix F, G, and H). These certificates state that the “maximum placement of female breeder chicks in cycle of 100% of quota is 15,624 birds”.

The seventh document dated November 12, 2002 is a letter from Maple Leaf Poultry which shows that Malda Farm Ltd. was raising Cobb Breeder flocks for Maple Leaf Poultry (Appendix I).

Document eight and nine are lists of Alberta Hatching Egg Producers registered producers, dated November 8, 2002 and February 17, 2003 (Appendix J and K). Both lists of registered hatching egg producers include Malda Farms. Ltd at NW-36-56-03-W5.

The tenth document dated January 1, 2003 is an Alberta Hatching Egg Producers Quota Certificate (Appendix L). This certificate states that the “maximum placement of female breeder chicks in cycle of 100% of quota is 19,673 birds”.

The eleventh document dated January 1, 2004 is an Alberta Hatching Egg Producers Quota Certificate (Appendix M). This certificate states that the “maximum placement of female breeder chicks in cycle of 100% of quota is 23,599 birds”.

The following records were also submitted; however they were not relevant or considered in the grandfathering determination as they did not provide any information on the claimed animal numbers or type and/or the dates of the documents were not relevant to the 2000-2004 grandfathering timeframe:

- Handwritten note outlining the size of the 3 barns on the property and calculations on the capacity of the barns (no date). The calculations are not based on Technical Guideline Agdex 096-81: *Calculator for Determining Livestock Capacity of Operations as They Existed on January 1, 2002*
- November 13, 1995 quote for a grow barn
- December 11, 1996 letter from Maple Leaf Poultry Hatchery
- August 15, 1998 Alberta Hatching Egg Producers list of registered producers
- March 17, 1999 Alberta Hatching Egg Producers list of registered producers
- April 8, 2004 list of poultry producers
- January 24, 1990, April 7, 1992, February 12, 1993, January 1, 1994, January 1, 1995, January 1, 1996, January 1, 1997, April 30, 1998, January 1, 1999, August 16, 1999, Alberta Hatching Egg Producers Marketing Board Quota Certificates
- November 9, 2004 letter from Maple Leaf Poultry
- 2005 Alberta Environmental Farm Plan Certificate
- August 5, 2005 letter from Maple Leaf Poultry
- 2017 Invoice for chicken barn renovation
- Photos of the operation (no date)
- Hand drawn map of property (no date)

On June 16, 2025, Ruth Malda provided me with updated dimensions of the three barns. (Appendix N).

On June 16, 2025, I met with Jim Malda. At this time, I also inspected all of the operation's facilities. Jim Malda provided the following information about their operation:

- This poultry operation had always been operational since 2002 up until approximately 2-3 years ago when the poultry were moved to Malda Farms Ltd.'s other broiler breeder operation at a different location.
- This CFO was a broiler breeder operation. In the most recent years when the farm was last operational, it was housing just broiler breeder pullets.

- The barns on site are the same barns that has always been on site and used in this operation.
- The barn running North-South and the Barn Running East-West are joined by a 40 foot x 40 foot service room which includes the egg handling room.
- The grower barn running North-South is 40 feet in width and 285 feet in length. The north part of this barn where poultry were housed is 230 feet in length. Then there is a 15 foot long service room and then there is a 40 foot long section of the barn where poultry were also housed. The total area of this barn where poultry were housed was 270 feet (285 ft barn length - 15 ft service room).
- Jim confirmed that the measurements of the rest of the barns that Ruth Malda emailed me on June 16, 2025 were the areas where birds were housed.
- Manure was pushed out of the barns at the end of each cycle (22 weeks). Manure was pushed out and stored in two locations: one area was on the north side of the grower barn and the other area was east of the North-South layer barn. Manure was then spread onto fields as soon as possible.

### **3.3 Information from municipality**

Under the Part 2 Matters Regulation under AOPA, the municipality where the CFO is located is an affected party (see section 5 of the regulation). As such, Lac Ste. Anne County is an affected party and is also a directly affected party in this deemed permit determination, as they would be if this were an application for an approval today.

On June 9, 2025 I received correspondence from Lac Ste. Anne County in regards to this operation. The county provided me with the following records: Lac Ste. Anne County Grandfathering Application for an Intensive Livestock Operation/Confined Feeding Operation dated May 7, 2004 (Appendix O), and a Lac Ste. Anne County Grandfathering Approval letter and map dated January 31, 2005 (Appendix P).

The Lac Ste. Anne County grandfathering program in 2004 provided the County with the ability to discourage new residential development in the buffer areas surrounding CFO's. These documents list the dimensions of the three barns at this CFO as well as they list the existing animal numbers at the CFO. The map shows that there were three barns at this CFO. These documents provide evidence that the CFO was a broiler breeder and pullet operation consisting of two layer barns and a pullet (grow) barn, and was operating in 2004. (Appendix O and P).

### **3.4 Evidence from Neighbours**

The newspaper notice in the *Lac Ste. Anne Bulletin*, as well as the notification letters mailed to residents and owners within 0.5 miles of the CFO, invited people to provide written statements related to the capacity and type of livestock being confined by the CFO on January 1, 2002. I did not receive any written responses from neighbouring landowners or residents.

### **3.5 Evidence from Other Agencies**

On May 12, 2025 notification letters were sent to Alberta Environment and Protected Areas and Ste. Anne Natural Gas CO-OP Limited.

On May 13, 2025 I received a response from Alberta Environment and Protected Areas Compliance Division (Appendix Q). In their response, Alberta Environment and Protected Areas

stated that they had received environmental concerns from neighbours of Malda Farm's Ltd. in between the years of 2001 and 2004. Alberta Environment and Protected Areas stated that they have not received any environmental concerns from this property since 2004 and that they do not have any concerns under their legislation with the proposed request, provided that the operator ensures no offsite releases that cause adverse effects to the environment, human health or property.

### **3.6 Other evidence**

Historical aerial imagery (Valtus 1999-2003, Appendix R and Google Earth October 6, 2003, Appendix S) show the footprint and facilities of the CFO that likely existed on or around January 1, 2002. These facilities include two-layer barns, the grower barn, as well as two solid manure storage areas. In these aerial images, the barns are in the same location and appear to have the same dimensions as they do today (Appendix R and S).

## **4.0 Analysis and Findings**

### **4.1 CFO footprint and structures**

The evidence set out above shows that the footprint of the CFO has not changed since 2003. My June 16, 2025 site inspection also confirmed that the CFO footprint has not changed. I conclude that the footprint of the CFO today is the same footprint that existed on January 1, 2002.

Based on this evidence, I have concluded that on January 1, 2002, this CFO consisted of the following manure storage facilities and manure collection areas:

- North-South Layer Barn (265 ft x 40 ft)
- East-West Layer Barn (250 ft x 40 ft)
- North-South Grower Barn (270 ft x 40 ft)
- Solid Manure Storage Facility (East of North-South Layer Barn) (approx. 40 ft x 30 ft)
- Solid Manure Storage Facility (North of Grower Barn) (approx. 65 ft x 45 ft)

This CFO also consisted of the following ancillary structures:

- Service Room & Area Joining the Two Layer Barns (40 ft x 40 ft)
- Service Room in Grower Barn (15 ft x 40 ft)

See Appendix S for a map of all MSFs, MCAs, and ancillary structures. This map was labelled by Cathryn Thompson.

### **4.2 Livestock type**

As to livestock type, the supporting materials show that this CFO was a chicken breeder and chicken pullet operation as the records specifically list breeders and pullets (Appendix B and O).

### **4.3 CFO livestock capacity**

The *Grandfathering (Deemed Permit)* Policy at 6.3.3 provides:

*If there is no MD permit, then field services staff determine the capacity of the enclosures to confine livestock ("physical capacity") under section 18.1(2)(a) of AOPA.*

Importantly, it is the capacity to confine feed, rather than the actual number of confined livestock, that determines capacity for this deemed approval.

I took steps to verify if the claimed capacity of the operation (14,977 chicken breeders and 17,587 chicken pullets) would have fit into the three barns in 2002.

A useful tool to verify the evidence is Technical Guideline Agdex 096-81: *Calculator for Determining Livestock Capacity of Operations as They Existed on January 1, 2002* (see NRCB Operational Policy 2023-1: *Grandfathering (Deemed Permit)* at 6.3.2).

The guideline says:

Poultry calculations reflect production type. All other operations (besides layer operations) use a space allocation based on the area in which the birds were housed.

The formula for calculating chicken breeder capacity is: barn area ÷ space allocation per bird

- Barn area is in ft<sup>2</sup>
- 1.3 is the space allocation in ft<sup>2</sup> /bird for chicken breeders (this number is provided by Agdex 096-81)

The formula for calculating chicken pullet capacity is: barn area ÷ space allocation per bird

- Barn area is in ft<sup>2</sup>
- Space allocation is measured in ft<sup>2</sup> /bird and the value as per Agdex 096-81 is either 0.7 (for broilers) or 0.5 (for Kentucky fried chicken size broilers).

By using the barn sizes provided by Ruth Malda on June 16, 2025 (Appendix N) and discussions with Jim Malda on June 16, 2025 during my site inspection, the calculations are as follows:

- Layer Barn North-South: 40 ft x 265 ft = 10,600 ft<sup>2</sup>
  - $10,600 \div 1.3 = 8,153.84$  chicken breeders, rounded to 8,154 chicken breeders
- Layer Barn East-West: 40 ft x 250 ft = 10,000 ft<sup>2</sup>
  - $10,000 \div 1.3 = 7,692.30$  chicken breeders, rounded to 7,692 chicken breeders
- Grow (Pullet) Barn: 40 ft x 270 ft (note 15 ft service room was subtracted from the total length of the barn) = 10,800 ft<sup>2</sup>
  - $10,800 \div 0.6 = 18,000$  chicken pullets
  - Note: 0.6 was used as this number is an average of the space allocation for broilers and Kentucky fried chicken sized broilers

Based on this analysis, the capacity of this CFO on January 1, 2002 was approximately 15,846 chicken breeders and 18,000 chicken pullets. These calculations are based on outside dimensions of the barns.

#### **4.4 Was the CFO above AOPA threshold on January 1, 2002?**

The AOPA threshold number for an approval for chicken breeders is 16,000 and chicken pullets is 60,000. Given the analysis above, I find that the claimed CFO capacity of 14,977 chicken breeders and 17,587 chicken pullets, combined together, are above the threshold for an approval under AOPA. Accordingly, the CFO's livestock capacity was above threshold on January 1, 2002 and it has a deemed permit.

## 4.5 Reasonable range of physical capacity

I assessed whether the claimed capacity of 14,977 chicken breeders and 17,587 chicken pullets is within a reasonable range of the physical capacity on January 1, 2002 – in other words, would the claimed 14,977 chicken breeders and 17,587 chicken pullets have fit into these barns in 2002?

The claimed capacity of 14,977 chicken breeders and 17,587 chicken pullets is within a reasonable range of the physical capacity of the CFO on January 1, 2002, as calculated above.

## 5.0 Affected persons and directly affected parties

Section 11(5) of the Administrative Procedures Regulation under AOPA requires that an inspector's decision report on a grandfathered (deemed) permit determination include reasons on whether affected persons who made a submission are directly affected parties.

Directly affected parties may have their response considered in a grandfathering determination and may submit a request to the NRCB's Board for a review of a grandfathering determination. If not directly affected, they may not have these options.

Affected persons in this determination were the municipality in which the operation is located Lac Ste. Anne County; and all neighbours who own or occupy land within the 0.5 mile notification distance. By proxy through section 19 of AOPA, these are determined by section 5 of the Part 2 Matters Regulation.

"Directly affected parties" are typically a subset of "affected persons." Under section 19(6) of AOPA, the applicant for an approval and municipalities that are "affected persons" are automatically directly affected parties. As such, Malda Farms Ltd. and Lac Ste. Anne County are directly affected parties.

In deciding who else would be considered a directly affected party, I referred to the NRCB's Approvals policy section 7.2.1 paragraph 2 which states "*The NRCB presumes that persons who reside on or own land within the notification distance also qualify for directly affected party status, if they provide written response to the notice within the posted response deadline.*"

In this case, no neighbouring landowners within the notification distance submitted a written response, therefore there are no additional directly affected parties.

## 6.0 Status of deemed permit today

### 6.1 Abandonment

While a grandfathering determination is limited to a point in time – January 1, 2002 – the NRCB also takes this opportunity to assess the validity or status of a deemed permit, today. In other words, for a permit that is deemed under AOPA, does that same permit exist with the same terms in 2025? This assessment may be useful to provide certainty to prospective buyers, sellers or lenders, municipalities, regulators (such as the NRCB), and the owner and operator of the CFO.

In a decision concerning a grandfathered (deemed) permit determination (RFR 2020-04 *Stant Enterprises Ltd.* at pg. 4), the NRCB Board implied that where 18 years have passed since the time window used in a grandfathering, it may be appropriate to evaluate a question of abandonment. If a facility were abandoned, that might invalidate its deemed permit today.

The NRCB's Operational Policy, *2016-3 Permit Cancellations Under Section 29 of AOPA* guides how to assess whether an operation or facility is abandoned. The policy also directs the approval officer (or inspector) to consider:

- the CFO's current use, if any
- the CFO's current condition
- what, if any, steps are being taken to keep the CFO's facilities in condition such that they could resume being used for livestock management without major upgrades or renovations
- when the CFO stopped being used, and the owner's reason for stoppage
- whether the operation changed ownership during the period of disuse
- the owner's reason for ceasing or postponing use and owner's intent with respect to future use of the CFO
- the value of CFO facilities (independent of their permitted status) and the cost of reconstructing them if reconstruction is needed.

From my observations, and from information obtained during my site inspection, I was able to assess the status of the site.

- The CFO facilities stopped being used to confine livestock and store manure within the last two years
- The owner's reason for ceasing or postponing use of the CFO was that they moved their animals to their other CFO (at a different location)
- The CFO has not changed ownership during the last two years of disuse
- The CFO is not currently being used
- The CFO facilities are in good condition and the facilities have not reached the end of their useful life
- Based on my observations of the conditions of the site, the CFO can continue being used without any major upgrades or renovations.

Having considered the evidence and issues that relate to assessing abandonment, I am of the opinion that the CFO at NW-36-56-03-W5 is not abandoned.

## **6.2 Disturbed liner**

The *Grandfathering (Deemed Permit)* Policy states that facilities that are deemed to have an AOPA permit retain that deemed status only as long as the essential conditions of those facilities remain as they were on January 1, 2002.

The policy objective behind grandfathering is to protect legitimate expectations and reduce unfairness to operators who did not receive adequate notice of AOPA Part 2 taking effect from being expected to conform to the "new" standards. When AOPA was being developed, the expectation was that, over time, older facilities would adhere to AOPA's requirements as they were upgraded or replaced. The idea is that, prior to AOPA, operators made their investment decisions on the basis of the rules as they stood at the time, and that it would be unfair to subject those operators to the new rules.

If an operator substantially changes the liner of a grandfathered manure storage facility or collection area, then the policy objective behind grandfathering that liner is erased. In addition, as a general rule, if a deemed facility is changed in a way that constitutes "construction" under AOPA, including the NRCB's interpretation, then that facility will lose its deemed status. This rule applies even where the "construction" does not alter the existing liner (e.g. but where

capacity of manure storage or collection increases). Further explanation of what constitutes “construction” is provided in NRCB Operational Policy 2012-1: *Unauthorized Construction*, and Livestock Pen Floor Repair and Maintenance Fact Sheet.

In this case, there is no information that any liners or protective layers for the CFO facilities were disturbed in a way that would constitute “construction” and would invalidate the deemed permit.

## **7.0 Conclusion**

Having reviewed all the evidence listed above, I have determined that on January 1, 2002, the poultry CFO operation at NW-36-56-03-W5, currently owned by Malda Farms Ltd.,

1. existed on January 1, 2002
2. was above AOPA permitting thresholds for chicken breeders and chicken pullets on January 1, 2002
3. has the same footprint (for confining poultry) today as it did on January 1, 2002
4. has the same structures (for confining poultry) today as it did on January 1, 2002
5. did not have a development permit issued prior to January 1, 2002 from Lac Ste. Anne County
6. was confining chicken breeder and chicken pullets on January 1, 2002
7. had enclosures with the physical capacity to confine 14,977 chicken breeders and 17,587 chicken pullets on January 1, 2002
8. claimed capacity of 14,977 chicken breeders and 17,587 chicken pullets is within reasonable range of the physical capacity of chicken breeders and chicken pullets on January 1, 2002.

Therefore, under section 18.1 of AOPA, the owner or operator of the CFO has a deemed approval with the capacity for 14,977 chicken breeders and 17,587 chicken pullets.

I have determined that the CFO has not been abandoned, has not had any of its liners disturbed, and the deemed NRCB permit under AOPA is still valid today. Please see Deemed (Grandfathered) Approval PB25001.

Furthermore, I conclude that the only directly affected parties of this decision are Malda Farms Ltd. and Lac Ste. Anne County.

July 2, 2025

(Original signed)

Cathryn Thompson  
Inspector

## **8.0 Appendices**

- A. Grandfathering Determination Request to NRCB (April 29, 2025)
- B. NRCB Decision Report BA03013 (October 31, 2003)
- C. June 15, 2000 Letter from Maple Leaf Poultry (supplied by Ruth Malda)
- D. February 13, 2003 Letter from Cobb-Vantress Inc. (supplied by Ruth Malda)
- E. November 2, 2000 Sunnyside Realty Opinion of Value Letter (supplied by Ruth Malda)
- F. January 1, 2000 Alberta Hatching Egg Producers Quota Certificate (supplied by Ruth Malda)
- G. January 1, 2001 Alberta Hatching Egg Producers Quota Certificate (supplied by Ruth Malda)
- H. January 1, 2002 Alberta Hatching Egg Producers Quota Certificate (supplied by Ruth Malda)
- I. November 12, 2002 Letter from Maple Leaf Poultry (supplied by Ruth Malda)
- J. November 8, 2002 Alberta Hatching Egg Producers Registered Producers (supplied by Ruth Malda)
- K. February 17, 2003 Alberta Hatching Egg Producers Registered Producers (supplied by Ruth Malda)
- L. January 1, 2003 Alberta Hatching Egg Producers Quota Certificate (supplied by Ruth Malda)
- M. January 1, 2004 Alberta Hatching Egg Producers Quota Certificate (supplied by Ruth Malda)
- N. Barn Dimensions (supplied by Ruth Malda on June 16, 2025)
- O. Lac Ste. Anne County Grandfathering Application for an Intensive Livestock Operation/Confined Feeding Operation dated May 7, 2004 (supplied by Lac Ste. Anne County)
- P. Lac Ste. Anne County Grandfathering Approval Letter and Map dated January 31, 2005 (supplied by Lac Ste. Anne County)
- Q. Alberta Environment and Protected Areas Response, May 13, 2025
- R. 1999-2003 Valtus Imagery
- S. October 6, 2003 Google Earth Aerial Imagery (labelling done by Cathryn Thompson)

# Appendix A

## Grandfathering Determination Request

NRCB National Resource Conservation Board

Request under the Agricultural Operations Programs Act (AOPA) for a grandfathering determination for a confined feeding operation (CFO), manure collection area (MCA), or manure storage facility (MSF)

NRCB USE ONLY

NRCB Grandfathering Number

PB25001

NRCB APPLICATION  
APR 29 2025  
RECEIVED

### CONTACT/OWNER INFORMATION

Name of owner: Jim + Ruth Malda	Corporate Name (if applicable): Malda Farms Ltd
Name of person making request: Ruth Malda	
Address (Street/P.O. Box): RR 3 Stn Main	
City/Town: Barrhead	Province: Alberta Postal Code: T7N 1N4

### LOCATION FOR WHICH GRANDFATHERING DETERMINATION IS REQUESTED

Legal Land Description: NW 36-56-R3-WSH	(Qtr-Sec-Twp-Rg-W Mer)
County/Municipal District: County of Lac Ste. Anne	
Is the person making the request the registered landowner? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (If no, please attach letter of consent signed by all landowners)	
Does this legal land location have an existing permit(s) for CFO facilities? (e.g. municipal development permit.): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes (if yes please provide a copy) <input type="checkbox"/> No Permit(s) #: 051202004	

### Claimed Grandfathered Livestock Capacity (Capacity of the enclosures On January 1, 2002)

Livestock category and type	Claimed grandfathered livestock capacity
Poultry (chicken Breeders - Solid Floor)	14,977
Pullets	17,587

### Claimed Grandfathered Facilities (On January 1, 2002)

Facility Name	Dimensions Length x width (x depth as applicable) (m)	Description of management of the facility (Seasonal use, movement of livestock, type of livestock etc.)
N-S Layer Barn	75.9 x 11.9	Poultry (chicken Breeders - Solid Floor)
E-W Layer Barn	75.9 x 11.9	Poultry (chicken Breeders - Solid Floor)
Pullet Barn	68.6 x 11.9	Poultry (chicken Pullets) Barn Split
		2 Rooms with 20 Ft service room

# Grandfathering Determination Request

**Information to support grandfathering determination request:** (Provide all relevant information to support the grandfathering claim. This can include, permits issued prior to January 1, 2002, records supporting the claimed capacity, photographs, details of facilities used to confine livestock, site layout plan, etc. Attach pages as required.)

Types of Records for Years 2000-2004	Yes	No	Comments
Aerial imagery ( <i>old farm photos</i> )	X		
Photographs ( <i>personal photos taken of animals/facilities</i> )			
Livestock Purchase Records ( <i>auction market receipts</i> )			
Livestock Sales Records ( <i>auction market receipts</i> )			
Financial Records ( <i>Taxes</i> )			
Feed, Straw, Mineral Purchase Records			
Government Support Program Records ( <i>GRIP, NISA</i> )			
Premises Identification Registration Records			
Quota Records	X		
Veterinary Records			
Manifests			
Calving/Farrowing/Lambing etc. Records			
Livestock Health Records ( <i>records of livestock treatments/vaccinations</i> )			
Purchases of Livestock Holding/Handling Equipment ( <i>poultry cages, dairy cow beds/stalls, farrowing crates</i> )			
Testimonies from Employees or Family Members ( <i>that worked on the operation in 2002-2004 and could be contacted now</i> )			
Building and Construction Records ( <i>concrete bunks, buildings, sheds, slab fences, barns, waterers, etc.</i> )	X		
Any Diaries, Journals or Daily Logs	X		
Other	X		

# Grandfathering Determination Request



**NRCB** Natural Resources  
Conservation Board

## REQUEST DISCLOSURE

I acknowledge that this information is collected under the authority of the *Agricultural Operation Practices Act*, is subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, and shall be deemed public unless the NRCB grants a written request that certain sections remain private.

I, the owner, or agent of the owner, have read and understand the statements herein and acknowledge that the information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

April 25th / 2025  
Date of signing

Malda Farms Ltd.  
Corporate name (if applicable)

Signature

Ruth Malda  
Print name

**This contact information is only for NRCB, municipal, and referral agency use, and is not for public disclosure.**

### Owner Contact Information

Name: Ruth Malda		Corporate Name (if applicable): Malda Farms Ltd.	
Contact Numbers	Business:	Cell:	Home:
Email:			

### Person (Other than Owner) Requesting the Determination Contact Information (if applicable)

Name:		Relationship to Owner:
Contact Numbers	Home:	Cell:
Email:		



THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA  
AGRICULTURAL OPERATION PRACTICES ACT  
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION BOARD

Decision Report BA03013 is issued in consideration of Application BA03013.  
Note that this decision report is being issued with respect to the minimum distance separation requirements of the application only. The application has not been deemed technically complete.

## 1. BACKGROUND

On March 26, 2003 J + R Malda Farms applied to the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB) pursuant to Part 2 of the Agricultural Operation Practices Act (AOPA), for an Approval to expand their broiler-breeder poultry operation located at NW 36-56-3-W5 in the County of Lac St. Anne

The expansion would consist of the construction of an additional barn to house poultry and an increase in animal numbers from: 12,310 broiler breeders, 1,230 roosters and 3,940 pullets,  
to: 15,999 broiler breeders, 1,599 roosters and 5,000 pullets

The facility will continue to use an in-barn solid manure system. No long term outside manure storage is contemplated at the site.

The proposed site is located on a sub-divided portion of the NW 36-56-3-W5.

The application has not as yet been deemed technically complete. This decision report is being issued with respect to the minimum distance separation requirements of the application only.

The current operation does not have a development permit or an AOPA registration / authorization / approval.

The application has not been deemed to be complete.

## 2. JURISDICTION

The *Agricultural Operation Practices Act (AOPA)* notes that no person shall commence construction or expansion of a confined feeding operation for which an approval or registration is required pursuant to the regulations unless that person holds an approval or registration. *AOPA* also notes that no person shall commence construction, expansion or modification of a manure storage facility for which an authorization is required unless the person holds an authorization, approval or registration.



Since J + R Malda Farms application is to construct and operate a 15,999 broiler-breeder poultry facility, plus 5,000 pullets, *AOPA* and regulations state an Approval is required.

### 3. PROCESS

March 26, 2003	The NRCB received an application for the expansion of the existing facility.
March 26, 2003	A notice of application was faxed to the County of Lac St. Anne.
October 16, 2003	Date of Site Visit.
October 31, 2003	Distances to neighbouring residences were measured by Mr. Wierenga

As part of this application Mr. Wierenga, NRCB Field Inspector, assisted by measuring the distances to neighbouring residences.

### 4.0 ISSUES

#### 4.1 Technical Issues

*AOPA* and the associated regulations contain technical criteria that must be met by the proposed development:

For the purpose of this Decision Report only the MDS is being considered.

##### 4.1.1 Siting to Reduce Odour Nuisance - Minimum Distance Separation (MDS)

The use of the minimum distance separation (MDS) is a means of minimizing the nuisance impact of confined feeding operations on neighbouring land uses (residential, commercial, or recreational). Separation between confined feeding operations and neighbouring land uses can compensate for normal odour production, thereby reducing potential nuisance conflicts.

For the purpose of determining the MDS, only the livestock and manure storage (including compost) facilities are considered. Facilities associated with the confined feeding operation, such as feed handling and storage, office, water supply, land on which manure is spread, and grazing areas are not considered to be part of the livestock facility for the purpose of determining the MDS.

The MDS is measured from the nearest part of the facility (excluding any feed facilities, but including manure storage sites) to the closest point of any neighbouring residence. As per the regulations, the MDS is calculated using the following equation:

$$\text{MDS} = (\text{odour production})^K \times \text{odour objective} \times \text{dispersion factor} \times \text{expansion factor}$$

For the purposes of this application, the following parameters and assumptions were used to calculate the MDS:

Factor	Description	Value	Method of Calculation
Odour production	Accounts for the nuisance value of the species, technology of production system and the number of animals and is measured in terms of Livestock Siting Units (LSUs). LSU factors are provided in Table 1 of Schedule 1.	122	$\text{LSU}_{bh} \text{ factor} = .007$ $\text{LSU}_{bh} = 15,999 \times 0.007 = 112$ $\text{LSU}_p \text{ Factor} = .002$ $\text{LSU}_p = 5000 \times 0.002 = 10$  Total LSU = 122
K	A standard exponent	0.365	As described in Schedule 1 for all species
Odour objective	A coefficient that reflects the sensitivity of neighbouring land uses and is specified in Schedule 1	41.04 54.72 68.40  109.44	Land zoned for agricultural purposes (Category 1). Land zoned for non-agricultural purposes (Category 2). Land zoned as large scale country residential, high use recreational or commercial purposes, as well as from an urban fringe boundary of a urban municipality (Category 3). Land zoned as rural hamlet, village or town without an urban fringe. (Category 4)
Dispersion factor	Allows for variance of the MDS due to unique climatic and topographical influences at the site	1	As described in Schedule 1 unless information is provided to prove otherwise
Expansion factor	A factor determined by the Board that applies to expanding operations that are increasing the size of the facility to store more manure or to accommodate more livestock.	1	Assumed to be 1 unless information is provided to prove otherwise

Thus, the MDS for the proposed operation was determined to be:

$$\text{MDS} = 122^{0.365} \times 41.04 \times 1 \times 1 \text{ or } 237 \text{ metres (Category 1)}$$

$$\text{MDS} = 122^{0.365} \times 54.72 \times 1 \times 1 \text{ or } 316 \text{ metres (Category 2)}$$

$$\text{MDS} = 122^{0.365} \times 68.40 \times 1 \times 1 \text{ or } 395 \text{ metres (Category 3)}$$

$$\text{MDS} = 122^{0.365} \times 109.44 \times 1 \times 1 \text{ or } 632 \text{ metres (Category 4)}$$

For the proposed project, the MDS for each of these categories and the proximity of the nearest landowners defined by these categories is provided below:



Cat	Required Distance	Land Owner	Land Location (Q-S-T-R-M)	Estimated Distance (m)
1	237 m	Blair Majeau Leonel Lindstrom	NW 36-56-3-W5 SE 36-56-3-W5	86 m 453 m
2	316 m	None in Vicinity		
3	395 m	None in Vicinity		
4	632 m	Rich Valley	SE 22-56-3-W5	~ 4,800 m (3 miles)

**4.1.1a Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) Requirements - The MDS for the proposed operation, as calculated on the date the application was received by the Board, must be met.**

Approval Officer Comments, Observations and Conclusions

This operation requires a MDS of 237 metres to the nearest residence (category 1) – the actual distance to the nearest neighbour of this category is 86 metres. This distance was measured using a laser distance-measuring device.

Section 3(1) of the Standards and Administration Regulation states:

“3(1) An approval officer and the Board must not issue an approval or registration for a confined feeding operation or an authorization for a manure storage facility unless the minimum distance separation for the operation or facility on the date the application is received by the Board complies with this section.”

Further, section 3(4) of the Standards and Administration Regulation states:

“3(4) The minimum distance separation for the date on which the application is received by the Board must not be less than 150 metres.”

The development as proposed **DOES NOT MEET** the Minimum Distance Separation guidelines both with respect to the required separation of 237 metres to the nearest neighbouring residence and to the absolute minimum of 150 metres as set out in the regulations – (AC).



## 5. DECISION

Section 20 of AOPA, establishes the tests by which an approval officer may approve or deny an application for an Approval size confined feeding operation.

Section 20 of AOPA also specifies the factors that must be considered in making a decision with respect to an application for an Approval. For the proposed application only the minimum distance separation was considered and my determination with respect to this factor is as follows:

I have determined that the proposed poultry broiler-breeder and pullet expansion does not meet the requirements for MDS as set out in Section 3 of the AOPA Standards and Administration Regulation.

Therefore, for the reasons provided above, the Natural Resources Conservation Board, pursuant to the provisions of AOPA and regulations, **denies** the application.

Dated at Lethbridge, in the Province of Alberta, this 31st day of October, 2003.

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION BOARD

Andy Cumming  
Approval Officer

Under Section 20(5), or 20(6), whichever is applicable, of the Agricultural Operation Practices Act, you have the right to request that the Natural Resources Conservation Board (the Board) review this decision. If you wish to have this decision reviewed by the Board, please submit the attached Request for Board Review which must be received by the Natural Resources Conservation Board by fax or mail on or before November 17, 2003.



## REQUEST FOR BOARD REVIEW

In the matter of Application No: BA03013  
Concerning:

Type of application *(check one)*      ☐ Approval      ☐ Registration      ☐ Authorization  
Location *(Legal Land Description)*  
Municipality

**I/We hereby request a Board Review of the Approval Officer's decision.**

I/We believe that I/we have the right to request a review because: *(check one)*

- ☐ I am/We are the producer seeking the Approval/Registration/Authorization
- ☐ I/We represent the producer seeking the Approval/Registration/Authorization
- ☐ I/We represent the municipal government
- ☐ I am /We are a directly affected party *(explain below)*

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My/Our grounds for requesting a review of this decision are as follows:  
*(Please describe your reasons for requesting the review. Use additional sheets if necessary.)*

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# NRCB

## Natural Resources Conservation Board

I/We believe that, as a result of the Approval Officer's decision, the following prejudice or damage will result: *(Please explain how you believe you would be adversely affected by the decision. Use additional sheets if necessary.)*

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I/We would like to Board to take the following actions with the respect to the Approval Officers decision:

- ☐ Amend or vary the decision
- ☐ Reverse the decision

Please describe below why you think the Board should take this action.  
*(Use additional sheets if necessary.)*

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Person requesting the review:

Name

Address in Alberta:

Phone number:

Fax number:

E-mail address:

Signature:

Date:

Form must be signed and dated before it can be submitted for Board consideration.



## Natural Resources Conservation Board

If you are or will be represented by another party, please provide the following information:

Representative's

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address in Alberta: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**When completed, this request for review and any other relevant information should be sent to:**

Name:	Susan Schlemko, Review Officer
Fax:	(780) 427-0607
Mail	Natural Resources Conservation Board 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Sterling Place, 9940-106 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T5K 2N2
For more assistance please call	(780) 422-1951.

**MAPLE LEAF POULTRY**

June 15, 2000

C.C. Frank Maenhout  
Rick Weiss



Jim and Ruth Malda  
RR #1  
Gunn, Alberta

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(780) 421-0638

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(780) 352-7307

Dear Jim and Ruth

I would like to thank you and your staff for the marvelous job on Flock # 21. You can see from the Breeder Performance Review that you achieved 84.02% saleable hatch. I am pretty sure that this is a record for Maple Leaf Flocks.

Thank you for the outstanding quality that we have come to appreciate from your operation.

Yours truly

ALEX MCCREADY

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Cobb-Vantress Incorporated

February 13, 2003

Mr. Jim Malda  
Maple Leaf Poultry Producer  
C/o Maple Leaf Poultry  
4710-39<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Wetaskiwin, Alberta T9A 3G2  
Canada

Dear Jim;

Thanks very much for giving Alex, Tommy Walker and myself the opportunity to visit with you at your farm on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate your time and the chance to view your flocks. It had been some time since I last visited your farm, and I would like to take this opportunity to commend you on your overall high standard of breeder flock husbandry and house management.

It is always a pleasure for me to visit a farm where it is obvious that attention is being given to the fine "details" of management. Your achievements with the Cobb 500 breed in terms of breeder hen efficiency, hatchability and quality hatching egg production rank among the most productive Cobb flocks worldwide.

Congratulations on a job well done and I wish you continued success with future flocks.

Sincerely,



Ken Semon  
Technical Services- Canada  
Cobb-Vantress, Inc.

Cc: Mr. Alex McCready

## Appendix E

**SUNNYSIDE REALTY LTD.  
5201-49 STREET, BOX 4468  
BARRHEAD AB T7N 1N3**

**OPINION OF VALUE**

**Broiler Breeder Farm of Jim & Ruth Malda of Rich Valley - Part of NW 36-56-3 W5  
Approximate 26 Acres**

The Farm has a quota of 12310 units of Broiler Breeder. Quota 2L shaped laying barns connected by a 40 x 40 work area, egg cooling room, office and stand by generator. The complex includes a grower barn. 1993 1½ Storey 1740 f² house with double attached garage and work shop. All buildings are in excellent shape and are equipped with new or nearly new equipment. The farm has a very well kept look.

The poultry boards replacement costs on layer barns are [REDACTED] per sq. ft. with equipment and for grower barns [REDACTED] per sq. ft. with equipment. For this example we will use a depreciated value of [REDACTED] for laying barn and [REDACTED] per sq. ft. for grower barn.

Quota 12310 x [REDACTED] per unit

Laying barns - 2 - 40 x 250 + 40 x 260 at [REDACTED] sq. ft.

Grower barn 40 x 289 x [REDACTED] sq. ft.

Work area 40 x 40 x [REDACTED]

Shop 40 x 60 [REDACTED] sq. ft.

House 1740 1993 with double garage

Land 26 acres including utilities x [REDACTED]

Livestock layers & growers

Equipment including generator, bob cat, manure spreader, etc.

I believe this to be a fair market value for this property at this time.

Dated November 2, 2000

[REDACTED]  
Harold Gilbertson

## Alberta Hatching Egg Producers

#203, 9605 - 41 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB  
T6E 5X7

### QUOTA CERTIFICATE

This is to certify

that Malda Farms Ltd. of Gunn  
Alberta has been registered with this Board as Producer No. 15 (c) and has been  
fixed and allotted a quota as follows:

Normal Replacement Cycle 66 weeks

Maximum Placements of female breeder  
chicks in cycle of 100% of quota 15,624 birds

Location of premises in respect of  
which quota has been allotted

NW Quarter of Section 36 Township 56 Range 3  
W5 Annualized Quota 12,310

Date of Issue January 1, 2000

per

Chairman

(Valid until amended, suspended, or cancelled)

**Alberta Hatching Egg Producers**

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Date of Issue January 1, 2001

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NW Quarter of Section 36 Township 56 Range 3  
W5 Annualized Quota 12,310

Date of Issue January 1, 2002

per

Chairman

(Valid until amended, suspended, or cancelled)

## MAPLE LEAF POULTRY

November 12, 2002

C.C. F. Maenhout  
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Dear Jim and Ruth

Cobb-Vantress has finally produced some Canadian results on the Cobb Breeder. Ken Semon has completed the first survey, which shows the production and hatchability in Canada.

The survey shows that 36% of the breeders in Canada are Cobb.

### EGGS PER HEN

Top 25%	average 154 eggs
Middle 50%	average 138 eggs
Bottom 25%	average 120 eggs

50% of our producers are in the Top 25%.  
4 out of the top 10 flocks are Maple Leaf Producers.

### HATCHABILITY LOF (Life of Flock)

Top 25%	average 83.38%
Middle 50%	average 81.37%
Bottom 25%	average 77.67%

Producers for Maple Leaf Wetaskiwin have the top 3 flocks with an average hatch of 87%. Although there are no names shown on the survey we are the only ones in Alberta that have the Cobb Breeder.

Your flock number 26 is the top flock in Canada. I would like to congratulate you and thank you for the wonderful product that you send to us.

Yours truly,

Alex McCready

*Quality Since 1898*

Nov 2002

Cee Reg  
Reimer

# Alberta Hatching Egg Producers List of Registered Producers

NO.	CODE	LAST NAME	CONTACT	COMPANY	ADDRESS	CITY	POSTAL CODE	TELEPHONE	LEGAL LOCATION	QUOTA
01	a	Baum	Kerry & Rachel		Box 88	Meatling Creek	T0B 2Z0		NE-21-43-19-W4	4,817
99	b	Bos	Berthil Bos	New Keweenaw Poultry Farm	Box 831	Linden	T0M 1J3		SE-8-31-28-W4	11,261
02	a	Bourne	Jim Bourne		Box 120	Rochester	T0G 1Z0		W1/2SE17-42-23-W4	18,178
52	b	Cole	Dennis Cole	Calico Brother Farm Ltd.	Box 24	Coaldale	T1M 1K2		NE-8-19-20-W4	21,028
01		Crawford	Vern Crawford	571674 Alberta Ltd.	R.R. #2	Three Hills	T0M 2A0		SW-30-22-16-W4	12,678
01		Crawford	Vern Crawford	571674 Alberta Ltd.	R.R. #2	Three Hills	T0M 2A0		NW-24-31-28-W4	24,233
12	a	Dashow	Roger E. Dashow		R.R. #1	Pleasantville	T0G 1W0		NW-32-48-27-W4	2,832
27		Esau	Susan Esau	Kingsway Poultry Farm Inc.	Box 841	Linden	T0M 1J0		SE-17-30-25-W4	12,834
99	c	Esau	Gene & Erna Esau	544248 Alberta Inc.	Box 2401	Pincher Creek	T0K 1W0		SE-13-6-1-W5	8,222 ✓
16		Fast	Terry & Adeline Fast	Texas Farms Inc.	R.R. #1	Fairbairn	T0B 1H0		NW-19-44-21-W4	31,810
8	a	Freese	Rudy & Louise Freese	Chick "N" Date Poultry Ltd.	Box 458	Gibsons	T0A 1N0		NW-31-60-22-W4	28,993
98	b	Guma	Klaus & Evelyn (Jama)		R.R. #2, Site 11, Box 8	Abdala	T4B 2A4		NW-8-28-28-W4	18,692
21		Inglis	Charles Inglis		R.R. #2	Wetaskwin	T8A 1W9		NE-4-43-23-W4	4,280 ✓
23	b	Janzan	Karl & Gloria Janzan	K&J Agro Inc.	Box 2874	Pincher Creek	T0K 1W0		SE-2-6-27-W4	5,883 ✓
28	b	Karsien	Allen & Emma Karsien		Box 887	Coathurst	T0L 0V0		SE-32-8-22-W4	4,482
24		Kosa	Randall Kosa	357815 Alberta Ltd.	General Delivery	Edberg	T0B 1J0		SW-14-43-18-W4	14,615
27	a	Klaassen	Harman Klaassen	White Bird Poultry (1983) Farm Inc.	53223 Range Rd. 212	Anderson	T8S 2B6		SW-14-53-21-W4	7,475
00	b	Klaasen	Mike Klaasen	Del & Dale Poultry Farms	Box 484	Linden	T0M 1J0		SE-6-31-25-W4 BLK 1	18,540
00	d	Lentleman	Raymond Lentleman	Suncoast Acres Ltd.	Box 128	Meatling Creek	T0B 2Z0		NE-21-43-19-W4	6,731
32		Lubach	Don & Willy Lubach	Country View Chicken Farms Ltd.	R.R. #3	Penoke	T4J 1R0		NE-28-42-28-W4	39,312
30		Lustig	Theodore & Christoph Lustig		Box 370	Elk Point	T0A 1A0		NE-32-68-8-W4	5,667
16	c	Makda	James & Ruth Makda	Makda Farms Ltd.	R.R. #1	Gunn	T0E 1A0		NW-36-68-3-W5	16,500
6	b	Meltz	John Meltz		Box 556	Raymond	T0K 2B0		NW-31-9-20-W4	23,707
98	a	Michaud	Claude & Rose-Marie Michaud	Springdale	Box 556	Lugel	T0G 1L0		NE-32-57-25-W4	+ 7,925
38		Nannings	Mark & Jo-Ann Nannings		R.R. #1	Barthold	T7N 1N2		NW-15-62-2-W5	+ 4,180
63		Nelkenbomer	Marty & Tina Nelkenbomer	Willow Creek Poultry	Box 190	Monarch	T0L 1K0		NW-15-6-24-W4	20,155
39		Penner	Lloyd Penner		Box 1658	Stettler	T0C 2L0		NW-2-37-18-W4	3,782 ✓
39	a	Penner	Ray & Hazel Penner		Box 1608	Stettler	T0C 2L0		NE-28-38-19-W4	3,238
99	a	Postelker	Eric Postelker	SanRae Poultry Farm Ltd.	Box 333	Linden	T0M 1J0		SE-16-31-25-W4	10,401
01	b	Reimer	Rag Reimer	Feather Fantasy Ltd.	Box 10	Edberg	T0B 1J0		SE-38-44-23-W4	19,382
28	b	Ribbeld	Peter & Wella Ribbeld		R.R. #4	Tofield	T0V 4J0		NE-18-63-18-W4	12,607
98	a)	Siemens	Kenne & Neke Siemens		R.R. #1	Fairbairn	T0B 1H0		SW-29-43-20-W4	5,858
00	a	Siemens	Rog & Corrie Siemens		R.R. #2	New Norway	T0B 3L0		W1/2NW19-44-20-W4	8,502
00	c	Thimer	Greg & Jason Thimer	Thimer Farms Inc.	Box 883	Roadster	T0A 2W0		SE-14-53-22-W4	32,697
53		Tienstra	Kevin & Beatrice Tienstra	Thimstra Poultry Ltd.	Box 122	Noerlands	T0G 1R0		SE-27-61-3-W5	18,658
80	a	Toews	Allen & Margaret Toews	Southland Poultry	Box 128	Linden	T0M 1J0		NE-8-31-25-W4	13,172
35	a	Toews	Blake & Theresa Toews	South Valley Farms	Box 124	Meatling Creek	T0V 2Z0		NW-24-42-20-W4	2,692
56		Toews	Myron & Noah Toews	Willowdale Poultry	R.R. #2	New Norway	T0B 3L0		SE-25-44-21-W4	15,758
99	d	Van der Rijt	Laurens Van der Rijt		Box 850	Bowden	T0M 0K0		NW-6-34-24-W4	13,038
97	b	Van Leshout	Jon Van Leshout	Wood Eric Farms Ltd.	Box 287	New Norway	T0B 3L0		NE-34/NW-16-44-21-W4	37,751
62		White Lake	James Techtter	White Lake Colony	Box 329	Bacona	T0L 0G0		NW-15-11-24-W4	8,488
9		Wickensham	George Wickensham	Chinook Ridge Poultry Farm	Box 87	Linden	T0M 1J0		SE-5-31-25-W4 BLK 2	20,563
TOTAL										589,411
AVERAGE										14,034
COUNT										41

Nov 8 2002

\* - Sold

10 Above 20,000  
6 From 16-20,000  
9 From 10-15,000  
8 Left Below  
10,000

2003

## Alberta Hatching Egg Producers

## List of Registered Producers

NO.	CODE	LAST NAME	CONTACT	COMPANY	ADDRESS	CITY	POSTAL CODE	TELEPHONE	LEGAL LOCATION	QUOTA
01	a	Baerg	Kerry & Rachel		Box 38	Meeting Creek	T0B 2Z0		NE-21-43-19-W4	4,817
99	b	Bos	Berthil Bos	New Kwelderstate Poultry Farm	Box 531	Linden	TOM 1J0		SE-6-31-25-W4	11,261
02	a	Bouma	Jim Bouma		Box 120	Rochester	T0G 1Z0		W1/2SE17-62-23-W4	18,173
52	b	Cote	Dennis Cote	Calico Broiler Farm Ltd.	Box 24	Coaldale	T1M 1M2		NE-5-10-20-W4	21,029
61		Crawford	Vern Crawford	571874 Alberta Ltd.	R.R. #2	Three Hills	TOM 2A0		SW-30-22-16-W4	12,678
61		Crawford	Vern Crawford	571874 Alberta Ltd.	R.R. #2	Three Hills	TOM 2A0		NW-24-31-23-W4	24,233
12	a	Deshoux	Roger E. Deshoux		R.R. #1	Picardville	T0G 1W0		NW-32-58-27-W4	2,832
27		Esau	Susan Esau	Kingsway Poultry Farm Inc.	Box 641	Linden	TOM 1J0		SE-17-30-25-W4	12,834
99	c	Esau	Gene & Erna Esau	544248 Alberta Inc.	Box 2401	Pincher Creek	T0K 1W0		SE-13-6-1-W5	8,222
15		Fast	Terry & Adeline Fast	Terad Farms Inc.	R.R. #1	Ferintosh	T0B 1M0		NW-19-44-21-W4	29,165
8	a	Froese	Rudy & Louise Froese	Chick "N" Dale Poultry Ltd.	Box 458	Gibbons	T0A 1N0		NW-31-80-22-W4	26,693
98	b	Ijsma	Klaas & Elvina Ijsma		R.R. #2, Site 11, Box 6	Airdrie	T4B 2A4		NW-9-28-28-W4	16,532
21		Ingles	Charles Ingles		R.R. #2	Wetaskwin	T9A 1W9		NE-4-45-23-W4	4,280
23	b	Janzen	Karl & Gloria Janzen	KGJ Agro Inc.	Box 2574	Pincher Creek	T0K 1W0		SE-2-6-27-W4	5,093
26	b	Karsten	Allan & Erna Karsten		Box 697	Coalhurst	TOL 0V0		SE-32-9-22-W4	4,402
24		Kasa	Randall Kasa	357815 Alberta Ltd.	General Delivery	Edberg	T0B 1J0		SW-14-43-19-W4	14,815
27	a	Klaassens	Herman Klaassens	White Bird Poultry (1983) Farm Inc.	53223 Range Rd. 212	Androssan	T8G 2B5		SW-14-53-21-W4	7,475
00	b	Klassen	Mike Klassen	Del & Dale Poultry Farms	Box 464	Linden	TOM 1J0		SE-5-31-25-W4 BLK 1	18,940
00	d	Loetkeman	Raymond Loetkeman	Suncrest Acres Ltd.	Box 125	Meeting Creek	T0B 2Z0		NE-21-43-19-W4	6,731
37		Lubach	Dan & Willy Lubach	Country View Chicken Farms Ltd.	R.R. #3	Ponoka	T4J 1R3		NE-29-42-26-W4	38,312
30		Ludlage	Theodore & Christoph Ludlage		Box 370	Elk Point	T0A 1A0		NE-30-56-6-W4	5,657
15	c	Malda	James & Ruth Malda	Malda Farms Ltd.	R.R. #1	Gunn	T0E 1A0		NW-36-56-3-W5	15,500
8	b	Melitz	Johan Melitz		Box 555	Raymond	T0K 2S0		NW-31-9-20-W4	23,707
98	a	Michaud	Claude & Rose-Marie Michaud	Springside	Box 555	Legal	T0G 1L0		NE-32-57-25-W4	7,926
36		Nanninga	Mark & Jo-Ann Nanninga		R.R. #1	Barrhead	T7N 1N2		NW-15-62-2-W5	6,625
63		Notenbomer	Marty & Tina Notenbomer	Willow Creek Poultry	Box 180	Monarch	TOL 1M0		NW-15-9-24-W4	20,155
39		Penner	Lloyd Penner		Box 1658	Stettler	T0C 2L0		NW-2-37-18-W4	3,752
39	a	Penner	Ray & Hazel Penner		Box 1809	Stettler	T0C 2L0		NE-28-36-19-W4	3,239
99	a	Poettcker	Eric Poettcker	SonRise Poultry Farm Ltd.	Box 333	Linden	TOM 1J0		SE-18-31-25-W4	10,401
01	b	Reimer	Reg Reimer	Feather Fantasy Ltd	Box 10	Edberg	T0B 1J0		SE-36-44-23-W4	19,382
28		Rietveld	Pieter & Nettie Rietveld		R.R. #4	Tofield	T0V 4J0		NE-16-53-18-W4	42,607
98	c(f)	Siemens	Menno & Nelda Siemens		R.R. #1	Ferintosh	T0B 1M0		SW-28-43-20-W4	5,858
99	e	Siemens	Reg & Connie Siemens		R.R. #2	New Norway	T0B 3L0		W1/2NW19-44-20-W4	5,502
00	e	Thimer	Greg & Jason Thimer	Thimer Farms Inc.	Box 993	Redwater	T0A 2W0		SE-14-56-22-W4	32,507
53		Tiemstra	Kevin & Beatrice Tiemstra	Tiemstra Poultry Ltd.	Box 122	Neerlandia	T0G 1R0		SE-27-61-3-W5	18,658
60	a	Toews	Allen & Margaret Toews	Southland Poultry	Box 128	Linden	TOM 1J0		NE-8-31-25-W4	13,172
35	a	Toews	Blake & Theresa Toews	South Valley Farms	Box 124	Meeting Creek	T0V 2Z0		NW-24-42-20-W4	2,662
56		Toews	Myron & Noah Toews	Willowdale Poultry	R.R. #2	New Norway	T0B 3L0		SE-25-44-21-W4	15,756
99	d	Van der Rijt	Laurens Van der Rijt		Box 850	Bowden	TOM 0K0		NW-8-34-24-W4	13,038 + 44C
97	b	Van Lieshout	Jon Van Lieshout	Wood End Farms Ltd.	Box 207	New Norway	T0B 3L0		NE-34/NW-16-44-21-W4	37,751
62		White Lake	James Tschetter	White Lake Colony	Box 329	Barons	TOL 0G0		NW-15-11-24-W4	6,486
9		Wickersham	George Wickersham	Chinook Ridge Poultry Farm	Box 87	Linden	TOM 1J0		SE-5-31-25-W4 BLK 2	20,553
									TOTAL	589,411
									AVERAGE	14,034
									COUNT	41

Feb 17 2003

\* check n Dale

Alberta Hatching Egg Producers

#203, 9605 - 41 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB  
T6E 5X7

QUOTA CERTIFICATE

This is to certify

that Malda Farms Ltd. of Gunn  
Alberta has been registered with this Board as Producer No. 15(c) and has been  
fixed and allotted a quota as follows:

Normal Replacement Cycle 66 weeks

Maximum Placements of female breeder  
chicks in cycle of 100% of quota 19,673 birds

Location of premises in respect of  
which quota has been allotted

NW Quarter of Section 36 Township 56 Range 3  
W5 Annualized Quota 15,500

Date of Issue January 1, 2003

per

Chairman

(Valid until amended, suspended, or cancelled)

Alberta Hatching Egg Producers

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Maximum Placements of female breeder  
chicks in cycle of 100% of quota 23,599 birds

Location of premises in respect of  
which quota has been allotted

NW Quarter of Section 36 Township 56 Range 3  
W5 Annualized Quota 18,593

Date of Issue January 1, 2004

per



Chairman

(Valid until amended, suspended, or cancelled)

# Appendix N

**From:** [Ruth Malda](#)  
**To:** [Cathryn Thompson](#)  
**Subject:** Length of Barns at Rich Valley  
**Date:** June 16, 2025 8:51:18 AM

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Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Hi Carolyn

Following are the lengths of the barns:

Barn furthest back, running North - South  
40 ft X 285 sq ft = 11,400 sq feet

L Shaped Barns  
Barn Running North - South  
40 ft X 265 ft = 10,600 sq ft

Barn Running East- West is  
40 ft X 250 ft = 10,000 sq ft

L Shaped Barns joined by a Service Area  
40 ft X 40 ft = 1600 sq ft

Sorry for the confusion

Ruth Malda

Sent from my iPhone



REC'D - DEV.

MAY 07 2004

REC'D - LSAC

MAY 07 2004

# **LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY** **GRANDFATHERING APPLICATION**

**INTENSIVE LIVESTOCK OPERATION/CONFINED FEEDING OPERATION**

## **OFFICE USE ONLY**

Permit Application No.  
 Roll Number  
 Date Application Considered Complete  
 Land Use District (Ag "A")  
 Division No.  
 MPC Decision  
 Referral to Public Works Required  
 Referral to Alberta Transportation Required  
 Referral to Adjacent Municipality Required  
 Referral to NRCB  
 Referral to Alberta Environment  
 C.F.O. Limitation  
 Manure Management Conflict

051107004  
 [Redacted]  
 Nov 21/04  
 Ag "A"  
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7  
 Yes/No  
 Yes/No Done( )  
 Yes/No Done( )  
 Yes/No Done( )  
 Yes/No Done( )  
 Yes/No Done( )  
 Yes/No  
 Yes/No

## **PART 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION**

### **Applicant:**

Print Name or Company Name: J + P. Malda Farms		Home Telephone: [Redacted]		Bus. Telephone: [Redacted]	
Address (Street, PO Box, etc.): R.R. 1		City, Town: Gunn		Cell phone: [Redacted]	
Province: Alberta		Postal Code: T0E 1A0		Email Address: [Redacted]	

All correspondence will be sent to the applicant, unless they have a consultant, signing authority or representative, in which case it will be sent to that person or company.

### **Consultant, Signing Authority, or Applicant's Representative (if applicable):**

Print Name or Company Name: N/A			Home Telephone: ( )		Bus. Telephone: ( )	
Address (Street, PO Box, etc.):		City, Town:	Province:	Postal Code:	Fax: ( )	

**Contact Person (if not shown above):**

Print Name or Company Name:	Telephone: ( )	Fax: ( )
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**Legal Land Description Where Development Is To Be Located:**

All/part of: Quarter <u>N.1/4</u> Section <u>36</u> Township <u>56</u> Range <u>3</u> W of 5 <sup>th</sup> Meridian	
All/part of: Lot _____ Block _____ Reg. Plan No. _____ Cert No. _____	
Are you the registered landowner?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Please attach a copy of consent from the registered land owner.)
Has a municipal development permit or an AOPA approval, registration or authorization already been issued for an activity at this land location?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

**PART 2: TYPE OF APPLICATION**

<b>A. Activity</b> (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Existing Swine Operation <input type="checkbox"/> Existing Feedlot Operation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing Bird Operation						
<b>B. Numbers of livestock (maximum capacity)</b>	<b>Animal Type</b>	<b>Existing Animal Numbers</b>	<b>Additional Animals (new)</b>	<b>Infrastructure Capacity</b>	<b>Total Animals *</b>	<b>Animal Unit Factor</b>	<b>Total Animal Units</b>
	Broiler Breeders	13,500	—	13,500	13,500		13,500
	Pullets	6,000	—	6,000	6,000		6,000
			<b>Total</b>		<b>Total</b>		18,500

\* Total Animals is the larger of Existing Animals Numbers or Infrastructure Capacity.

See Drawing

Pole shed

### PART 3: STRUCTURE(S)

A. Existing structure(s) (Plan area measurements can be in metric or imperial)  (Descriptions of additional structures should be submitted on additional sheets.)	Facility	Existing Structure(s) Area	
		Square Metres (m <sup>2</sup> )	Square Feet (ft <sup>2</sup> )
	Barn		
	Pen or Corrals		
	Manure Storage	Trucked	Away
	Other (Describe)		
	Other (Describe)		
	Other (Describe)		

Grow Barn  
285 x 40 Ft

2 Lay Barns  
1) 265 x 40 Ft  
2) 255 x 40 Ft

Shop  
60 x 40 Ft

### SETBACK DISTANCES FROM MANURE STORAGE, MANURE COLLECTION AREAS, OR CATCH BASINS

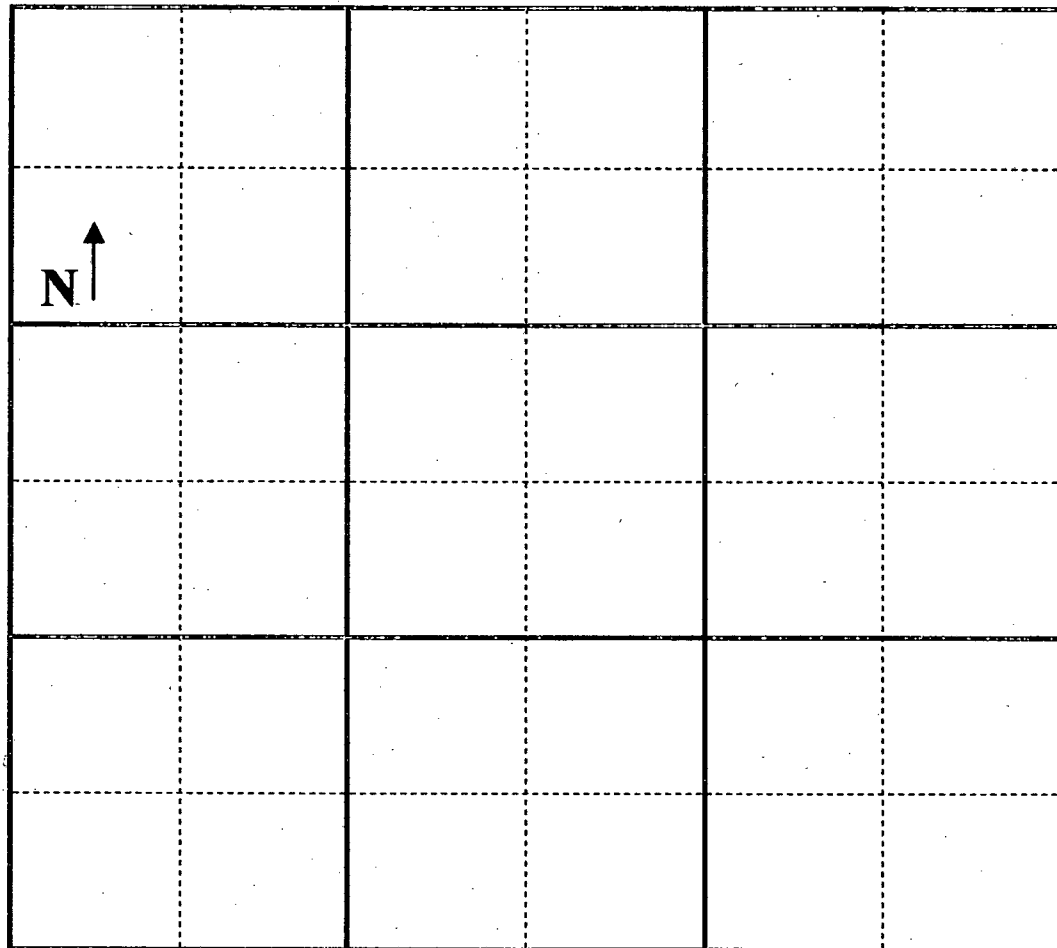
A. Hydrological conditions  N/A	Shortest distance to a spring or water well	100 Metres	(or) _____ Feet	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
	Shortest distance to an common body of water	_____ Metres	(or) _____ Feet	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
	Elevation above a 1:100 year flood plain	_____ Metres	(or) _____ Feet	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
	Method used to determine 1:100 year flood plain	<input type="checkbox"/> From Records	<input type="checkbox"/> Estimated	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

See contract for manure application

## PART 4: LAND USE PLAN

A. Provide a land use plan showing the location of the proposed confined feeding operation and/or proposed manure storage facilities and the land uses in the surrounding area, including the location of residences or any other buildings:

(A clearly marked County map may be submitted instead.)



B. Provide and attach a scale drawing of a site plan showing:

- location and dimensions of existing and proposed barns, corrals, manure storages, lands proposed to receive manure.
- property lines
- water wells, springs, common bodies of water, runoff patterns
- run-on and runoff controls
- utility lines and right of ways
- roads, including access locations to buildings or facilities
- legal land description
- distances from water sources, barns, manure storages, property lines, etc.
- North arrow

## PART 5: MINIMUM DISTANCE SEPARATION (MDS)

Minimum Distance Separation (MDS) is measured from the outside walls of neighbouring residences (not property lines) to the point closest to the proposed confined feeding facility, manure storage, runoff catch basin, compost area, feeding pen or barn, or milking facility. Facilities associated with the livestock operation, such as feed handling areas, feed storage areas, offices, water supply and land on which manure is spread, and grazing areas are not considered to be part of the livestock facility for the purpose of determining the MDS. Where an NRCB calculation for MDS differs from a County calculation, the NRCB calculation shall prevail.

To be completed by  
Development Officer

	Name of owner or occupant of neighbouring residences	Land location					Distance (Metric or Imperial)		Category (1 - 4)	Recommended MDS	
		Qtr.	Sec.	Twp.	Rge.	W of	Metres	Feet		Metres	Feet
1	Blair Majeau	NW	36	56	3	5th	150		1	150	
2	Leonel Lindstrom	SE	36	56	3	5th	150		1	150	
3						5					
4						5					
5						5					
6						5					
7						5					
8						5					



### CATEGORIES

Describe method used to determine distance to existing structures.	NRCB
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1	Land zoned for agricultural purposes (e.g. farmstead, acreage residences).	3	Land zoned as large-scale country residential, high use recreational, or commercial purposes, as well as from an urban fringe boundary of land zoned as rural hamlet, village, or town, which has an urban fringe.
2	Land zoned for non-agricultural purposes (e.g. country residential, rural commercial businesses).	4	Land zoned for rural hamlet, village, or town without an urban fringe.

## PART 6: DISPOSAL OF DEAD ANIMALS

Dead animals must be properly disposed of within 48 hours as set out in the *Livestock Diseases Act*.

<b>A. Disposal method.</b> (Check one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rendering service <input type="checkbox"/> Composting <input type="checkbox"/> Burial <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Describe) _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Incineration
<b>B. Describe dead animal storage site and location.</b>	Located behind lay barns All permits approved / Incinerator } Follow HACCP Regulations
<b>C. Describe access to dead animal storage.</b>	Behind property Access only by permission      Immediate clean up

## PART 7: OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

<b>A. Describe methods for controlling flies.</b>	Fly strips ; Spray Pro litter ; no standing water
<b>B. Describe methods for suppressing dust.</b>	Fans Dust is not an issue mister water
<b>C. Describe Source Of Potable Water</b>	
<b>D. Describe Method of Manure Storage</b>	manure doesn't sit longer than 3 months picked up, trucked away immediately, spring, summer + fall
<b>E. Describe Method of Manure Application</b>	Under contract See attached
<b>F. # Trips for Heavy Trucks/wk.</b>	Feed Truck - once week other - 1 once month Egg Truck - twice week
<b>G. Describe methods for controlling odour. (If proposed)</b>	We have invested heavily in ventilation equipment - Fans, misters, litter All top-of-the line equipment

All information provided in this form shall be deemed public information, unless the Applicant requests in writing at the time the application is made that certain parts of the application remain private and provides the County with a description of the harm that could occur if this information was disclosed.

The information collected for this application, and supporting documents attached to this application, may be shared with other government agencies, local governments, and consultants as part of this review process. The application, supporting documents, professional evaluations/reviews, and other related material will be kept in County files.

The information is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000* and is subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. If you have questions about the collection of this information, please contact the Lac Ste. Anne County office at (780) 785-3411 or (780) 459-1900.

The information given on this form is true to the best of my knowledge.

April 30/2004  
Date of Signing

**Signature**

Ruth Maldar  
Print Name

Maidea Farms Ltd.

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Company Name  
(if applicable)

- We are very proud producers (if applicable)  
Awarded Top Producers 4/5 years program running
- We are HACCP approved (1st farm in Canada)
- Have a chain link fence with gates along front of property for no unauthorized access
- Highest biosecurity available
- We have a huge investment so this is in our best interest to be as clean and environmentally friendly as possible.

# Lac Ste. Anne County

4928 Langston Street  
Box 219, Sanguedo, AB T0E 2A0  
www.gov.lacsteanne.ab.ca



January 31st, 2005  
File: 5603363002

COPY

J & R Malda Farms  
Jim & Ruth Malda  
R.R.#1  
Gunn, AB T0E 1A0

Dear Sir or Madame:

**Re: Grandfathering Application  
Lac Ste. Anne County**

I am pleased to inform you that your application for grandfathering of your infrastructures has been approved by Lac Ste. Anne County. Your status as of this time is:


- File #: 05ILO2004
- Species: POULTRY
- Size (No. Animals): 18,500
- Buffer Distance: 150 metres

This program provides the County with the ability to help discourage new residential development within your buffer area. This protects your infrastructure for the future. The grandfather status applies as long as your infrastructure (pens, barns, etc.) are maintained and kept in a serviceable fashion. Any expansions beyond the numbers allowed in your approval may require NRCB approval.

I have attached an aerial view of your buffer area for your information. Should you have any questions regarding this program, please contact me at your convenience.

Thank you for your participation in this program.

Yours truly,

  
Richard Neufeld, B. Sc.  
Planning/Development Officer  
Lac Ste. Anne County

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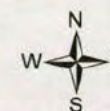
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**CONFINED FEEDING  
EXISTING FACILITY**

N.W. 36-56-03-W5M

18,000 CHICKENS



20 Meters

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ERRORS OR OMISSIONS.  
DATA SUPPLIED BY LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY, ALBERTA  
ENVIRONMENT, P.F.R.A., AND ALL TALS WHERE APPLICABLE.  
ALL DISTANCES ARE IN METERS

# Appendix Q

**From:** [Allysa Weatherall](#)  
**To:** [Carolyn Taylor](#)  
**Cc:** [Edward Furler](#)  
**Subject:** RE: NRCB Application PB25001 by Malda Farms Ltd. - Grandfathering Determination Request  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 13, 2025 12:00:55 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[image002.png](#)

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Good afternoon Carolyn,

Thank you for reaching out to our department. EPA Compliance has reviewed the letters, relevant legislation and conducted a search for reported environmental concerns/contraventions related to Malda Farms Ltd. activities.

EPA received reported environmental concerns from neighbors about their water well reportedly testing positive for coliform and e coli, and concerns about burning of dead chickens. The incidents were reported between 2001 and 2004. EPA has not received any recent reported environmental concerns/contraventions under EPEA and *Water Act*, since 2004.

EPA does not have concerns under our legislation with the proposed request, provided the company ensures no offsite releases that cause adverse effects to the environment, human health or property.

If you have and questions regarding the information within this email, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,

**Allysa Weatherall, B.Sc.**

Compliance Manager  
Capital, Regulatory Assurance Division North  
Alberta Environment and Protected Areas  
Government of Alberta

111 Twin Atria Building  
4999 98 Avenue,  
Edmonton, AB T6B 2X3

[Allysa.Weatherall@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Allysa.Weatherall@gov.ab.ca)

Environmental Emergencies 1 800 222 6514

 Alberta Environment and Protected Areas

Classification: Protected A

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Classification: Protected A

**From:** Carolyn Taylor <Carolyn.Taylor@nrcb.ca>

**Sent:** May 12, 2025 9:23 AM

**To:** EPA Water Act Capital Region <EPA.wacapitalregion@gov.ab.ca>; Allysa Weatherall <Allysa.Weatherall@gov.ab.ca>; info@steannegas.com

**Cc:** Cathryn Thompson <Cathryn.Thompson@nrcb.ca>; Carolyn Taylor <Carolyn.Taylor@nrcb.ca>

**Subject:** NRCB Application PB25001 by Malda Farms Ltd. - Grandfathering Determination Request

**Importance:** High

**CAUTION:** This email has been sent from an external source. Treat hyperlinks and attachments in this email with care.

Good morning,

NRCB Application PB25001 for a grandfathering determination request has been determined to be complete for processing today, **May 12, 2025**.

Please find attached the following 3 pdf documents:

- Grandfathering Notification Letter to Agencies
- Grandfathering Determination Request
- Grandfathering Notification Letter

After reviewing the attached document, we kindly request your written comments by **June 10, 2025**.

If you have any questions, please contact Cathryn Thompson at 780-305-4751 or by email at [cathryn.thompson@nrcb.ca](mailto:cathryn.thompson@nrcb.ca).

Sincerely,

*Carolyn M Taylor*

*Field Office Administrator; Northern & Peace Region*

*Natural Resources Conservation Board*

*Room 201, Provincial Bldg, 10008 - 107 Street*

*Morinville AB T8R 1L3*

*Main: 780-939-1212*

*E-mail: [carolyn.taylor@nrcb.ca](mailto:carolyn.taylor@nrcb.ca)*

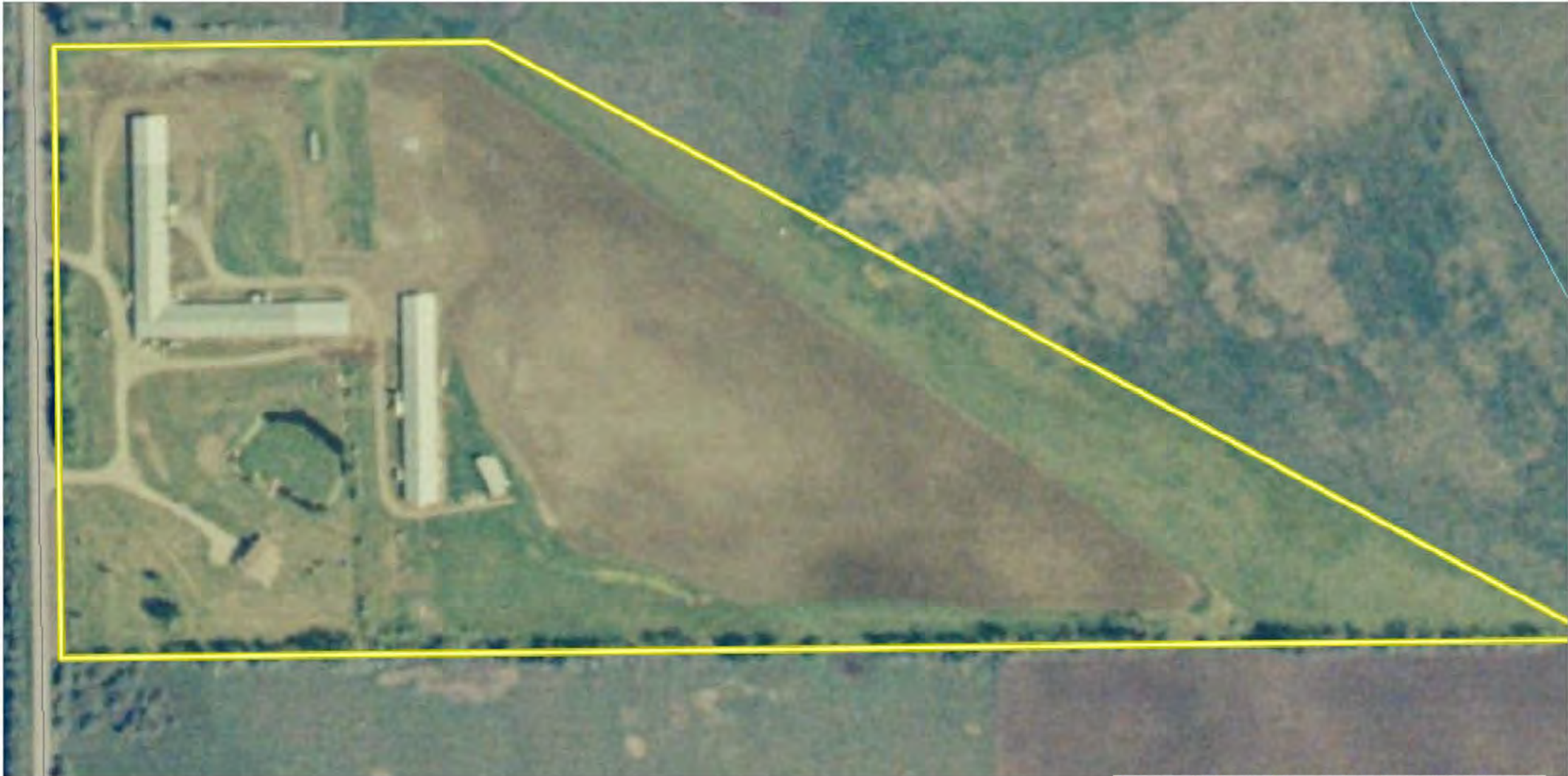
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Appendix S

**Solid Manure Storage Facility**  
Approx. 40 feet x 30 feet

**North-South Layer Barn**  
265 feet x 40 feet

**Solid Manure Storage Facility**  
Approx. 65 feet x 45 feet

**Service Room Area**  
(joins two layer barns)  
40 feet x 40 feet

**East-West Layer Barn**  
250 feet x 40 feet

**North-South Grower Barn**  
270 feet x 40 feet

**Service Room**  
(in between two poultry rooms)  
15 feet x 40 feet

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