



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

# Animal Feeding Operation Updates

- [Come visit DNR at the 2024 Iowa Pork Congress](#)
- [County requirements for signup to evaluate animal confinement sites](#)
- [Proposed rule available for comment](#)

## Come visit DNR at the 2024 Iowa Pork Congress

**MEDIA CONTACT:** Jeff Prier, DNR, at 319-653-1857 or [Jeff.Prier@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Jeff.Prier@dnr.iowa.gov)

DES MOINES -- Iowa DNR specialists will be in Booth 120 at the Iowa Pork Congress in Des Moines in late January.

Stop by and visit with staff, see the interactive AFO Siting Atlas mapping tool, and learn about upcoming changes to the online Animal Feeding Operation application where producers can submit both short and long form manure management plans annual updates. A presentation on the exciting new functionality of the DNR's electronic manure management plan (eMMP) is being held Jan. 25, from 10 - 11:30 am in Room 103 of Hy-Vee Hall.

The Pork Congress trade show is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 24 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 25 at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines.

Additional information about the 2024 Pork Congress can be found at [www.iowapork.org/about-ippa/iowa-pork-congress](http://www.iowapork.org/about-ippa/iowa-pork-congress)

---

## County requirements for signup to evaluate animal confinement sites

**MEDIA CONTACT:** Kelli Book, DNR at [Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov)

DES MOINES -- The Iowa DNR would like to remind counties interested in evaluating construction permits for proposed animal feeding facilities that they must adopt a construction evaluation resolution.

On average, 88 counties pass a resolution each year, allowing them to review construction permit applications required for larger confinement facilities.

County boards of supervisors may approve the resolutions at any time, but must submit resolutions between Jan. 1 and 31, 2024.

Producers in counties that file the resolutions must meet additional standards in their construction permits. They must earn points on a master matrix by choosing a site and using practices that reduce effects on the environment and the community.

The Master Matrix development, submittal and approval process allows applicants and county supervisors to discuss options for site selection, facility type and management. The county submits a recommendation to the DNR on the permit application after reviewing the master matrix items the applicant selected.

Counties that participate in the master matrix process may accompany DNR on site visits to proposed locations. The county board of supervisors may also appeal the DNR's preliminary approval of a permit to the Environmental Protection Commission.

Send resolutions to Kelli Book at DNR, 502 E. Ninth St., Des Moines, IA 50319-0034 or email [Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:Kelli.Book@dnr.iowa.gov). Sign-ups in January apply to permit applications DNR receives from February 2024 through January 2025.

For historical information on counties that adopted resolutions, check for Master Matrix information on the DNR's animal feeding operations [construction permit](#) webpage.

---

## Proposed rule available for comment

DES MOINES -- In accordance with Executive Order 10 (EO10), the Iowa DNR will hold a formal public comment period for the proposed Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 65 (567 IAC Chapter 65) - Animal Feeding Operations. The public comment period is open until Feb. 23.

The public may provide comments on the proposed rule. Written comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on Feb.23. Written comments may be sent in any of the following manner:

*Email:* [afo@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:afo@dnr.iowa.gov)

*Fax:* 515.725.8201

*Mail:* Iowa DNR, Attn: Kelli Book, [502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319](#).

Additionally, two public hearings on the proposed rule will be held. Persons who wish to make oral comments at a public hearing will be asked to state their names for the record and confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking.

*In-Person:* **Wednesday, Feb. 14**, from **1:30 – 3:30 p.m.**, Auditorium – Wallace State Office Building.

*Virtual:* **Monday, Feb. 19**, from **1:30 – 3:30 p.m.** To participate in the virtual hearing, please submit a request for the link to [afo@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:afo@dnr.iowa.gov). All requests for the link must be received by **9:00 a.m.** on **Feb. 19**.

Additional information and a copy of the NOIA is available on the DNR's animal feeding operations web page at [www.iowadnr.gov/afo/rules](http://www.iowadnr.gov/afo/rules). Questions may be directed to [afo@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:afo@dnr.iowa.gov).