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Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code

(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

OMB No 1545-1150

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► Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds, organizations that operate one or more hospital facilities, and certain controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

► The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

B Check if applicable

Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARMERS AND
NEIGHBORS, INC.

D Employer identification number

14-1926280

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)

P. O. BOX 811

Room/suite

641-209-6600

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

FAIRFIELD, IA 52556

F Group Exemption
Number ►G Accounting Method Cash Accrual Other (specify) ► _____

I Website: ► WWW.JFANIOWA.ORG

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — 501(c)(3) 501(c) () ◀ (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527H Check ► if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B
(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)K Check ► if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization or a section 527 organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$50,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required though Form 990-N (e-postcard) may be required (see instructions). But if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, line 25, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ► \$ 112,200.

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I.)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

X

1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1 106,477.
2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2
3 Membership dues and assessments	3
4 Investment income	4 23.
5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a
b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b
c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c
6 Gaming and fundraising events	SEE SCHEDULE O
a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a
b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b
c Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a
b Less cost of goods sold	7b
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	SEE SCHEDULE O
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	8 5,700.
10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	9 112,200.
11 Benefits paid to or for members	10 71,852.
12 Salaries, other compensation and employee benefits	11
13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	12
14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	13 19,512.
15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	14 510.
16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	15 3,140.
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	16 6,567.
18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	17 101,581.
19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	18 10,619.
20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	19 6,373.
21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	20 0.
	21 16,992.

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Part II Balance Sheets. (see the instructions for Part II.)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II.

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year	
22 Cash, savings, and investments	6,373.	22	16,992.
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		24	
25 Total assets	6,373.	25	16,992.
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0.	26	0.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	6,373.	27	16,992.

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III.)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III X

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? SEE SCHEDULE O

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses
(Required for section
501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4)
organizations and section
4947(a)(1) trusts, optional
for others)

28	EDUCATION OF GENERAL PUBLIC OF HEALTH, QUALITY OF LIFE, AND OTHER ISSUES RELATED TO CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS.		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	20,778.
29	PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PLAINTIFFS IN POSSIBLE NUISANCE LITIGATION WITH CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS.		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	71,852.
30			
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31	Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)		32 92,630.

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated (see the instructions for Part IV).

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
CHRIS BUSCH, 1804B PADMAVANI LANE, FAIRFIELD, IA 52556	DIRECTOR 0.50	0.	0.	0.
ROBERT SWANSON, 408 HEATHERWOOD CIRCLE, FAIRFIELD, IA 52556	SECRETARY 2.00	0.	0.	0.
JIM RUBIS, 1202 SOUTH MAIN STREET, FAIRFIELD, IA 52556	PRESIDENT 3.00	0.	0.	0.
JONATHAN RUDNEY 2458 167TH ST, FAIRFIELD, IA 52556	DIRECTOR 0.25	0.	0.	0.
DIANE ROSENBERG, 302 WEST ADAMS AVENUE, FAIRFIELD, IA 52556	VP, TREASURER 7.00	& EXEC DIREC 14,000.	0.	0.
RICH SIMS 2376 LILY COURT, FAIRFIELD, IA 52556	DIRECTOR 1.00	0.	0.	0.
ALAN MARKS, 1680 HWY ONE, SUITE 2920, FAIRFIELD, IA 52556	DIRECTOR 0.25	0.	0.	0.
DAVID SYKES 1808 OKRA BLVD, FAIRFIELD, IA 52556	DIRECTOR 2.00	0.	0.	0.
FRANCIS THICKE, 1745 BROOKVILLE RD, FAIRFIELD, IA 52556	DIRECTOR 2.00	0.	0.	0.

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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Sch. O to respond to any question in this Part V

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O 33 X

34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions) 34 X

35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)? 35a X

b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O 35b N/A

c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III 35c X

36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N 36 X

37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions 37a 0.

b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? 37b X

38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return? 38a X

b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b N/A

39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter 39a N/A

a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39b N/A

b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 40a 0. , section 4912 40a 0. , section 4955 40a 0.

b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I 40b X

c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 40c 0.

d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization 40d 0.

e All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T 40e X

41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed 41 NONE

42a The organization's books are in care of 42a FAIRFIELD ACCOUNTING SERVICES Telephone no. 42a 641-472-6655

Located at 42a 504 NORTH 4TH ST., STE. 302, FAIRFIELD, IA ZIP + 4 42a 52556

b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? 42b X

If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country 42b

See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. 42c X

c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country 42c

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 43 N/A

44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ 44a X

b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ 44b X

c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year? 44c X

d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O 44d

45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? 45a X

45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions) 45b X

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46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? Yes No
If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

46

X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51. Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Sch C, Part II Yes No

47

X

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E Yes No

48

X

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? Yes No

49a

X

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? Yes No

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

49b

X

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000 NONE	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None" NONE

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? Note: All section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A Yes No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

Sign
Here

Signature of officer

11/15/12
Date

DIANE ROSENBERG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name TELFORD A. LODDEN	Preparer's signature Telford A. Lodden	Date 11/15/12	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00075132
	Firm's name ► BROOKS LODDEN, P.C.			Firm's EIN ► 42-1229486	
	Firm's address ► 1441 29TH STREET, STE. 305 WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266-1357			Phone no 515/223-7300	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

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SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.

Name of the organization	JEFFERSON COUNTY FARMERS AND NEIGHBORS, INC.	Employer identification number 14-1926280
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See Instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E.)
 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
 9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 a Type I b Type II c Type III - Functionally integrated d Type III - Other

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2011

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						► <input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2011 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2011. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
► <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test - 2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
► <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
► <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		
► <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		
► <input type="checkbox"/>		

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2011

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Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	57,187.	75.	93,395.	160,956.	106,477.	418,090.
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	57,187.	75.	93,395.	160,956.	106,477.	418,090.
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	40,000.		88,500.	121,010.	71,852.	321,362.
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						0.
c Add lines 7a and 7b	40,000.		88,500.	121,010.	71,852.	321,362.
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						96,728.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	57,187.	75.	93,395.	160,956.	106,477.	418,090.
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	374.	1,066.	63.	10.	23.	1,536.
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	374.	1,066.	63.	10.	23.	1,536.
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)	57,561.	1,141.	93,458.	160,966.	106,500.	419,626.

14 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ►

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2011 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	23.05	%
16 Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16		%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2011 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	.37	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18		%

19a **33 1/3% support tests - 2011.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ►

b **33 1/3% support tests - 2010.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ►

20 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ►

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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JEFFERSON COUNTY FARMERS AND
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14-1926280**FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 4, OTHER INVESTMENT INCOME:**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:	AMOUNT:
INTEREST INCOME	23.

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 8, OTHER REVENUE:

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER REVENUE:	AMOUNT:
CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS - ANNUAL MEETING	700.
ANNUAL MEETING - PARTNERSHIP ASSISTANCE	5,000.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 8	5,700.

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10, GRANTS AND ALLOCATIONS:

ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LITIGATION

GRANTEE NAME: PLEASANT PLAIN PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
(PPPOA)

GRANTEE ADDRESS: PO BOX 811 FAIRFIELD, IA 52556

GRANTEE RELATIONSHIP: NONE

AMOUNT GIVEN:	71,852.
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FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16, OTHER EXPENSES:

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER EXPENSES:	AMOUNT:
DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	210.
ADVERTISING	1,718.
INSURANCE	1,706.
OFFICE EXPENSE	681.
WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT	21.

SCHEDULE O
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EDUCATION	250.
SPONSORSHIP, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT	1,038.
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	21.
CREDIT CARD PROCESSING FEES	733.
TELEPHONE	189.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16	6,567.

FORM 990-EZ, PART III, PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE - EDUCATION AND PROMOTION OF
ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS OF HEALTH, QUALITY OF LIFE, AND OTHER ISSUES
RELATED TO CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS.

FORM 990-EZ, PART IV, COMPENSATION STATEMENT:

PERSON NAME: DIANE ROSENBERG

COMPENSATION EXPLANATION: INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR PAYMENTS REPORTED ON FORM
990-EZ, PART I, LINE 13.

FORM 990-EZ, PART V, INFORMATION REGARDING PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS:

THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY,
OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.

THE ORGANIZATION, DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, PAY ANY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY,
OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

► File a separate application for each return.

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part I and check this box
- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part II (on page 2 of this form).



Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868

Electronic filing (e-file). You can electronically file Form 8868 if you need a 3-month automatic extension of time to file (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T), or an additional (not automatic) 3-month extension of time. You can electronically file Form 8868 to request an extension of time to file any of the forms listed in Part I or Part II with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, which must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on e-file for Charities & Nonprofits

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete

Part I only



All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

Type or print	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions JEFFERSON COUNTY FARMERS AND NEIGHBORS, INC.	Employer identification number (EIN) or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 14-1926280
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P O box, see instructions P.O. BOX 811	Social security number (SSN) <input type="checkbox"/>
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code For a foreign address, see instructions FAIRFIELD, IA 52556	

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return)

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Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 990-EZ	01	Form 4720	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

FAIRFIELD ACCOUNTING SERVICES

• The books are in the care of ► **504 NORTH 4TH ST., STE. 302 - FAIRFIELD, IA 52556**

Telephone No ► **641-472-6655** FAX No ►



• If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box

• If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____ If this is for the whole group, check this box ► If it is for part of the group, check this box ► and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until

AUGUST 15, 2012, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension

is for the organization's return for

► calendar year **2011** or

► tax year beginning _____, and ending _____.

2 If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason. Initial return Final return

Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions	3a	\$	0.
b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit	3b	\$	0.
c Balance due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions	3c	\$	0.

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions

LHA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see Instructions.

Form 8868 (Rev. 1-2012)

- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** and check this box

Note. Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** (on page 1)

Part II Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time. Only file the original (no copies needed).

Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions

Type or print File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions JEFFERSON COUNTY FARMERS AND NEIGHBORS, INC.	Employer identification number (EIN) or X 14-1926280
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4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until NOVEMBER 15, 2012.

5 For calendar year 2011, or other tax year beginning , and ending .

6 If the tax year entered in line 5 is for less than 12 months, check reason Initial return Final return
 Change in accounting period

7 State in detail why you need the extension

ADDITIONAL TIME IS REQUESTED TO GATHER THE INFORMATION NEEDED TO FILE A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RETURN AND ALLOW THE ORGANIZATION TO COMPLETE ITS RELATED GOVERNANCE PROCESSES PRIOR TO FINALIZATION.

8a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions	8a	\$ <u>0.</u>
b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868	8b	\$ <u>0.</u>
c Balance due. Subtract line 8b from line 8a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	8c	\$ <u>0.</u>

Signature and Verification must be completed for Part II only.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.

Signature ► Jefferson Farmers Title ► CPA

Date ► 8/14/12

Form 8868 (Rev. 1-2012)

**Number of Small Donors Who Have Contributed to
Jefferson County Farmers & Neighbors, Inc. (JFAN)
In Years 2005-2012**

2012 Donation Figures as of October 31, 2012

and

Number of Attendees at JFAN Annual Meetings 2005-2012

2005 157 donors
Estimated attendance at Annual Meeting: 500+

2006 22 donors

2007 99 donors
Estimated attendance at Annual Meeting 200+

2008 1 donor

2009 186 donors
Estimated attendance at Annual Meeting 500+

2010 152 donors
Estimated attendance at Annual Meeting 400+

2011 120 donors
Estimated attendance at Annual Meeting 350+

2012 220 donors (as of October 31)
Estimated attendance at Annual Meeting: 570+

Total Number of Donors since 2005: 957

Combined Attendance at Annual Meetings since 2005: 2520+

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARMERS AND NEIGHBORS, INC.

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JFAN Report of Activities
2005 – 2008

2005

Initial Public Meeting at the Best Western Hotel introducing JFAN and discussing factory farming issues, September 2005

- 500+ people in attendance
- Speakers included: Chris Peterson, Iowa Farmers Union; Gary Klicker, Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement; State Representative John Whitaker; Francis Thicke, Radiance Dairy; Jim Rubis, Alan Marks, David Sykes, and Robert Swanson, JFAN

Organized a benefit concert and puppet show to raise funds for JFAN, October 21, 2005.

Letter to the editor of *Fairfield Ledger*, October 27, 2005, on benefit concert and JFAN updates.

Letter to the editor, *Fairfield Ledger*, October 13, 2005 on 10,000 head hog confinement billboard.

Fundraised throughout the Jefferson County community and sent out letters acknowledging JFAN donors.

Researched actions taken in other counties to counter CAFOs development.

Developed a program of financial assistance grants.

Provided information and support to the Dick and Tim Simmons families who were trying to stop a 1200-head hog confinement from being built across the street from their homes.

Provided a financial assistance grant to the Dick and Tim Simmons families to help them with expenses in fighting the CAFO.

Provided information and support to a group of Batavia, Iowa farmers and homeowners who were opposing a 5900-head factory farm.

Provided a financial assistance grant to the Batavia group to help them protect their interests from the proposed 5900-head factory farm. The facility became permanently stalled.

Approved an educational assistance grant to a rural Jefferson County farmer to help with construction of new traditional hog hoop buildings.

Provided guidance and information to a group of neighbors in the Pleasant Plain Road area who were opposing a CAFO across the street from the Cambridge Investment Research building. Approved a financial assistance grant to offset costs of fighting a factory farm in their neighborhood. The CAFO was scrapped after lengthy discussions between parties.

Emails to JFAN mailing list: Providing information on action alerts from Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement or other organizations, JFAN events, and educational material.

- “Update on JFAN Public Meeting 9/21”, October 11, 2005
- “Come for the JFAN Benefit Concert Next Friday, October 21”, October 14, 2005
- “JFAN Benefit Concert This Friday, October 21”, October 19, 2005
- “Grants, Actions Announced at Benefit Concert”, October 28, 2005
- “Good News – New DNR Rule – Urgent Deadline”, December 14, 2005
- “JFAN Meeting Jan 3 to Sign Petition”, December 29, 2005

2006

Provided information to a group of citizens in northwest Jefferson County who were opposing a 4300-head hog/sow facility. The facility was later denied by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Provided valuable community information that resulted in community support and the institution of a new Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) water protection rule.

Ran an advertisement with other environmental organizations publicizing *Iowa CAFO Air Quality Study* that ran in September 2006 and December 2006/January 2007 issues of *The Iowa Source*

Drafted resolutions supporting a moratorium on the construction and expansion of factory farms and supporting local control of factory farms. Presented resolutions to Jefferson County Board of Supervisors and Fairfield City Council members.

Gathered over 2200 petition signatures calling for a statewide confinement moratorium.

Presented petition signatures to Governor Tom Vilsack, Department of Natural Resources Director Jeff Vonk, Fairfield City Council, Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, and the county's state representatives.

Developed the *Jefferson County Good Neighbor Guidelines*, a six-month process that created guidelines for building acceptable livestock confinements within the county.

Developed and launched a Five-Step Campaign for Local Control.

Organized a community-wide letter writing campaign for reinstating local control on the state level. Held meeting with letter writing tips and two videos on factory farming.

Delivered 760 letters in favor of local control gathered from Jefferson and Wapello County residents to Iowa state legislators. Three JFAN board members met with two state representatives and two senators in Des Moines.

Letter to the editor, *Fairfield Ledger*, January 12, 2006 on odor, government subsidies, and economic development.

Letter to editor, *Fairfield Ledger*, in support of new bio-diesel plant.

Fundraised throughout the Jefferson County community and sent out letters acknowledging JFAN donors.

Emails to JFAN mailing list: Providing information on action alerts from Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement or other organizations, JFAN events, and educational material.

- “Sign Petition, Help Others Sign”, January 4, 2006
- “Reminder – Meeting Tomorrow, Jan 3 to Sign Moratorium Petition”, January 2, 2006
- “3 Upcoming Events/Programs”, January 6, 2006
- “Victory – 5000 Head Hog Factory Stopped in SAC County,” January 8, 2006
- “JFAN Update – Petition Success, New CAFO in Farson, and Worth County Stops CAFO”, January 13, 2006
- “Media Coverage, Petition Given to Local Boards”, January 26, 2006
- “The All-Important Step 2 – Writing Our Legislators!”, February 3, 2006
- “Local Control Meeting, Thurs. 7:30”, February 8, 2006
- “Write a Letter for Local Control”, February 10, 2006
- “New, Even Easier Way to Write Your Letter”, February 11, 2006
- “Letters More Urgent Since Council Vote”, February 15, 2006
- “760 Letters Hand Delivered!”, March 3, 2006
- “Support DNR’s New Water Protection Rule”, March 2, 2006
- “Help Fight the ‘Factory Farm Immunity Bill’”, March 9, 2006
- “Ask Governor Vilsack to Veto SF 2377”, March 24, 2006
- “Batavia Passes Local Control Resolutions”, April 5, 2006
- “Victory! Permit Denied for Farson CAFO”, April 20, 2006
- “Urgent! Help Stop Pro-Factory-Farm Bill”, May 4, 2006
- “Act Now to Stop Bad Factory Farm Bill!”, May 17, 2006
- “Pleasant Plain Property Owners Association – Legal Action Against a Proposed Hog Confinement”, May 31, 2006
- “Governor Vetoes Bill Limiting DNR!”, June 2, 2006
- “Public Hearing on CAFO Expansion”, June 16, 2006
- “EPA Passes Water Protection Rule”, June 20, 2006
- “Status Report on Robertson Expansion”, June 29, 2006
- “CAFOs and Voter-Owned Elections”, July 14, 2006
- “CAFO Action Alert from Sierra Club”, July 20, 2006
- “DNR Director Speaks Out!!!”, July 28, 2006
- “Ask Our State Lawmakers to Pass the Water Protection Rule”, August 3, 2006
- “JFAN Good Neighbor Guidelines”, August 14, 2006
- “Family Farm Film”, August 12, 2006
- “ICCI Board Member’s Editorial to Register”, Sept 27, 2006
- “Small Farms Healthier, Safe Harbor Struck Down & EPC Meeting”, November 13, 2006
- “Research Scientists Call for a Moratorium on Confinements”, November 28, 2006
- “Local Control Needed – New Leadership in State Legislature”, December 7, 2006
- “DNR Director Appointment and Six Possible New CAFOs”, December 27, 2006

2007

Held Annual Meeting at the Best Western Hotel, February 22, 2007

- 200+ people in attendance
- Speakers included: Dr. Kendall Thu, Northern Illinois University; Mayor Mike Jasper, Martinsburg, Iowa; Craig Sylvester, family farmer; Bill Witherspoon, The Sky Factory; David Murphy; Food Democracy Now; Bruce Grady, CleanUpIowa.org; David Sykes, Jim Rubis, and Robert Swanson, JFAN

Published the inaugural edition of the *JFAN Newsletter*, Winter 2007 and the Summer 2007 *JFAN Newsletter*. Distributed throughout Fairfield and Jefferson County.

Published *How to Protect Your Family and Home from Factory Farms*, a 24-page booklet providing grassroots organizing and legal information.

Developed a program of financial assistance grants to help farmers move towards sustainable livestock operations and for organizations to conduct related environmental research.

Provided information and advice to Maharishi Vedic City, which was opposing a 4800-head hog confinement to be built by Robert Palm just outside their city limits.

Monitored a manure spill on Pleasant Plain Road with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Ran an advertisement in March 2, 2007 issue of *The Iowa Source* with an update of the JFAN Annual Meeting and membership information.

Ran ad with other organizations in February 2007 issue of *The Iowa Source* on the *Rolling Stone* article "Boss Hog" and Iowa CAFO Air Quality Study.

Investigated several reports of suspicious construction in Jefferson County, turning up no new CAFO development and clearing concerns.

Passed along informational action alerts from CleanUpIowa.org, the Coalition for Local Control, and Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement during the legislative session.

Booth Presentation at the Sierra Club Leopold Group Spring Forum, March 27, 2010, Fellowship Hall, Fairfield, Iowa.

Sent letter to Fairfield Mayor Ed Malloy explaining the importance of JFAN for the well being of the community and enlisting his support.

Contributed funds within constraints of 501c3 status to lobbyist in Des Moines.

Began publishing a periodic column in the *Fairfield Weekly Reader*.

- "New Publication Helps Fight CAFOs", December 6, 2007

Alerted neighbors about a new 1250-head hog confinement to be built on Quince Avenue in Brighton by Ryan Robertson.

Fundraised throughout the Jefferson County community and sent out letters acknowledging JFAN donors.

Emails to JFAN mailing list: Providing information on action alerts from Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement or other organizations, JFAN events, and educational material.

- “Protect DNR’s Authority and More...”, January 26, 2007
- “JFAN’s New Semi-annual Newsletter”, February 5, 2007
- “Why Come to JFAN Annual Meeting – This Thursday, February 22 at 7:30 pm”, February 17, 2005
- “Read Below – Why Coming Thursday Night Is So Vital!”, February 21, 2007
- “Inspiring JFAN Annual Meeting – Summary,” February 27, 2007
- “Legislative Alert: Iowa’s Chance to Receive Protection from Factory Farms”, March 3, 2007
- “Senate Legislative Alert – Several Important CAFO Bills”, March 4, 2007
- “House Legislative Alert!”, March 16, 2007
- “Important Meeting Tomorrow – State Representatives and CAFOs”, March 29, 2007
- “Wednesday Rally. You Are Needed!”, April 8, 2007
- “Rides and Directions to Wed CAFO Rally in Des Moines”, April 9, 2007
- “Manure Spill From CAFO Application Near Brighton”, April 13, 2007
- “Farm Bill Update”, May 23, 2007
- “Legislative Summary on CAFOs”, June 6, 2007
- “Public Hearing This Thursday”, August 7, 2007
- “Board of Supervisors Approve Recommendation of Elmore/Hellweg CAFO”, August 22, 2007
- “JFAN Summer Newsletter”, October 1, 2007
- “JFAN Booklet and Updates”, December 7, 2007

2008

Distributed *How to Protect Your Family and Home from Factory Farms* to Jefferson County residents and throughout the state to county supervisors, state legislators, environmental groups, lawyers, the news media, and groups and organizations seeking our help.

Initiated a project to create a 16-page booklet, *Secondary Liability: Could You Be Implicated in a CAFO Lawsuit?*

Initiated the process of revamping the website.

Published periodic columns in the *Fairfield Weekly Reader* reporting on CAFO-related news.

- “Do We Really Need an Odor Control Study?”, January 24, 2008
- “Hogtied at the State House”, March 27, 2008
- “Open Manure Piles Could Threaten Iowa”, April 24, 2008
- “Livestock Industry Needs Sweeping Changes Says Two Reports”, May 29, 2008

Awarded a grant for a water-testing project to the Sierra Club Leopold Group for assessing pollution levels in several Jefferson County waterways up and downstream of CAFO sites.

Alerted the community to a CAFO expansion by the Elmore and Hellweg families in the northeast corner of Jefferson County near Pleasant Plain. Attended the public hearing on the expansion.

Joined the Coalition for a Healthy & Sustainable Iowa.

Alerted neighbors about a new 2400-head hog confinement being built by Andy Joe Annegars near 117th Street and Unicorn.

Emails to JFAN mailing list: Providing information on action alerts from Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement or other organizations, JFAN events, and educational material.

- “Environmental Protection Commissioner Meeting this Thursday”, March 2, 2008
- “Crucial Update: Follow-Up Action Needed to Stop Bad Bill”, April 11, 2008
- “Odor Bill Being Debated in State Legislature”, 2008
- “Bill Limiting Manure and Commercial Fertilizer Applications on Frozen and Snow-covered Ground”, 2008

Jefferson County Farmers & Neighbors, Inc.

2009 ANNUAL REPORT of ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Community Education - Publications

Published Secondary Liability: Could You Be Implicated in a CAFO Lawsuit?

16 page booklet that outlines the legal responsibilities and risks facing those who work with CAFOs in a secondary role. Distributed to statewide county supervisors, state legislators, and regional manure applicators, manure haulers, and landowners.

<http://stgabe.org/jfaniowa.org/files/pdf/Secondary-Liability-Booklet-v2-for-website.pdf>

Published Spring 2009 Newsletter

http://jfaniowa.org/sites/default/files/JFAN_Newsletter_Spring_09_Color_for_website.pdf

Published Fall/Winter 2009 Newsletter

<http://jfaniowa.org/sites/default/files/JFAN-Newsletter-Fall-09-Color-Reduced-Size.pdf>

Overhauled and expanded JFAN community website

www.jfaniowa.org

Published Rooting Around: News from Jefferson County Farmers & Neighbors, Inc.

Published periodic columns in *Fairfield Weekly Reader* newspaper reporting on CAFO-related news.

- [Scent of Change, May 19, 2009](#)
- [CAFOs Breed More than Hogs, July 2009](#)

Submitted letters to the *Fairfield Ledger* and *Ottumwa Courier*

Commenting on manure spill in Jefferson County tributary – June 2009.

Emails to JFAN mailing list

Providing information on action alerts from Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement or other organizations.

- Department of Justice - comments on pesticides in foods, confined animal feeding & food safety 12/27/09
- Victory in Van Buren County - July 27, 2009
- Fifty Million Dollar Request - July 16, 2009
- House Bill SF 432! - May
- Delores Mertz Ag Committee- Feb

Developed and placed ad in *Fairfield Ledger*

Providing information on time and place of PBS screening of *Death on a Factory Farm*.

Designed and placed ad for Law Enforcement Calendar

Promoting JFAN's activities.

Community Education – Community Service

Consultations with Maharishi Vedic City

Resulting in organic farming covenants.

Discussion with Van Buren County Supervisor

Regarding 4000-head CAFO in Cantril; offered to provide information, education, and assistance.

Provided information to neighborhood group in Dish, Texas

Group is fighting benzene pollution from national gas operations. - parallel situation to CAFO issue.

Provided educational information to neighborhood group in northern Jefferson County

Regarding potential CAFO on Tony Adrian property. Activities may have helped to prevent CAFO from going up.

Toured with members of Southeast Iowa Diocese of Catholic Church

Showing examples of CAFOs in southeast Iowa.

Developed list of expert witnesses

For general reference.

Community Education – Public Events

Organized JFAN Annual Community Meeting

October 7, 2009

Fairfield Arts and Convention Center, Fairfield, IA

500 attendees

Suggested donation: \$5

- Speakers:
 - Dr. John Ikerd, Professor Emeritus, University of Missouri
 - *The Economic Advantages of Sustainable Farming, and the Economic Pitfalls of CAFOs*
 - Francis Thicke, Co-owner and Co-operator, Radiance Dairy
 - *How the CAFO Industry Emerged, and Why It Will Become Obsolete*
 - Ed Fallon, Co-Director, I'm for Iowa and Former State Representative
 - *The Politics of Iowa's Agriculture Industry*
 - Dave Murphy, Co-Founder and Co-Director, Food Democracy Now!
 - *Food Democracy Now!'s Successes and Sustainable Hog Farming*
- Publicized to southeast Iowan residents, legislators, and organizations via statewide press releases to the media, advertisements, press releases, articles, posters, emails, personal invitations, JFAN website, announcements from other organizations, and radio shows.
- Radio show interviews of speakers and JFAN members broadcast live from meeting on Fallon's Forum, WOW-FM.
- Development of meeting handouts including program, information on JFAN, and donation forms.
- Recorded meeting to post on website and to make available through DVD's.

Publicized Dr. John Ikerd talks on sustainable agriculture to JFAN email list
For Maharishi University of Management's Sustainable Living Program

Hosted Community Screening of film *Food, Inc.*

November 28, 2009

Morning Star Studio

Over 150 attendees

\$5 admission

Hosted community screening of film on industrial food industry. Followed with panel discussion with following individuals:

- Francis Thicke, co-owner and co-operator of Radiance Dairy
- Mary Carter, director of Buy Fresh Buy Local
- Elisabet Humble, director-designate of Hometown Harvest
- Organic farmer Steve Hickenbottom, Fairfield, IA
- Dean Goodale, Director of Maharishi Vedic Farms CSA
- Organized co-sponsorship of event with Radiance Dairy, Buy Fresh Buy Local, Sustainable Living Coalition, Sierra Club, and KRUU-FM.
- Marketed to Fairfield residents. Publicity included advertisements, press releases, articles, posters, emails, JFAN website, and radio shows.

FUNDRAISING

Attended Lynne Twist fundraising workshop for nonprofit organizations.

Discussed fundraising requirements with legal counsel and accountant.

Reestablished PayPal account for donations.

Sent out letters acknowledging JFAN donations.

COMMUNITY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Processed financial aid requests for Pleasant Plain grant.

Conversations with legal counsel about Pleasant Plain grant.

Processed grant request for high school science fair project.

Reevaluated and tweaked design on grant applications.

JFAN ADMINISTRATION

Investigated insurance coverage. Expanded coverage to include general liability and internet protection.

Worked with accountants and bookkeepers on 2008 taxes.

Handled accounts payable and deposits. Transferred banking from Iowa City bank to Fairfield bank.

Discussions with legal counsel and accountant on proper language and legal protection for JFAN printed materials, website, and public speaking.

Monitored new CAFO development and manure spills countywide via news reports, DNR inquiries, and leads from county residents.

Developed proposal for new Executive Director position.

2009 COMMUNITY EDUCATION – EMAILS

Department of Justice - comments on pesticides in foods, confined animal feeding & food safety – December 27, 2009

Dear JFAN Supporters:

JFAN wanted to make sure you are aware that the Department of Justice is calling for public comment on pesticides in foods, confined animal feeding and food safety. If you'd like, you could read *the article below by clicking on the link*:

<http://www.examiner.com/x-17695-Tampa-Health-Care-Examiner~y2009m12d19-Department-of-Justice-wants-comments-on-pesticides-in-foods-confined-animal-feeding--food-safety?cid=email-this-article> .

Thank you for all you do.

JFAN Board of Directors

RE: Victory in Van Buren County, ICCI – July 27, 2009

Dear JFAN Supporters:

We are happy to report to you that Van Buren County Citizens with the help of the ICCI were able to stop the construction of a CAFO in their county recently. See details below.

Thanks for your continued support.

JFAN Board of Directors

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CCI Updates & Action Alerts

We talk. We act. We get it done.

Victory in Van Buren County!

CCI members and Van Buren County Residents just won the appeal to overturn the DNR's approval for a proposed 4,900-head Cargill-backed hog factory. The Environmental Protection Commission just voted 6-2 to stop the DNR permit. This was due to CCI members' persistent efforts and coming to speak out at today's meeting.

Thanks for all your hard work and for standing up for what's right!

\$50 Million Request! – July 16, 2009

Iowa Agriculture Secretary Bill Northey is asking the federal government for \$50 million in taxpayer dollars to buy overproduced pork off the market. This would increase the taxpayer bailout of the hog industry to \$125 million since the spring.

As part of our ongoing commitment to keep the public informed on key CAFO issues, we are forwarding this announcement from Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement with information on this new bailout request

and action steps you can take if you disagree with this request.

- Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,
JFAN Board of Directors

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A MESSAGE FROM IOWA CITIZENS FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT:

Last week, Iowa Agriculture Secretary Bill Northeby requested a \$50 million, taxpayer-funded bailout of the factory farm industry.

Northeby's request is nothing more than pandering to well-financed corporate ag groups at the expense of everyday people and our environment!

In a letter last Thursday to U.S. Ag Secretary Tom Vilsack, Northeby and Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner Gene Hugoson requested \$50 million of taxpayer money from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to buy over-produced pork off the market. This follows a similar request made by the National Pork Producers Council in early May. Vilsack has not acted on the NPPC request.

The hog factory industry has already received two recent taxpayer-funded bailouts from USDA -- one for \$25 million in March 2009 and the other for \$50 million in April 2008 -- to buy over-produced pork off the market.

We need you to take action today:

1. Contact Iowa Ag Secretary Bill Northeby today. Tell him to withdraw his letter to Sec. Vilsack and stop promoting the factory farm industry with taxpayer dollars. Our public officials should stand up for the common good and the interests of all taxpayers, not for the big-money, special interests of corporate ag. Follow this link to send him an email.
<http://capwiz.com/iowacci/utr/1/KQDNKUNFEY/MNKKKUQXZK/3596269071>

2. Contact U.S. Ag Secretary Tom Vilsack today. Tell Sec. Vilsack to deny Northeby's request immediately and let him know that we are fed up with bailing out this industry that pollutes our air and water and drives family farmers out of business. Follow this link to send him an email.
<http://capwiz.com/iowacci/utr/1/KQDNKUNFEY/OAANKUQXZL/3596269071>

And, call on Vilsack and the USDA to stop making guaranteed loans and payments under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program to factory farms. Instead, tell Vilsack to use taxpayer funds to support sustainable agriculture and the development of locally grown, locally owned foods.

Corporate ag receives government subsidies and guaranteed loans that promote the expansion of factory farms on the front end. And then, when they produce too much pork, they ask the government -- that's us -- to bail them out with huge amounts of taxpayer dollars. The factory farm industry is a house of cards that would crumble as soon as you take away us taxpayers propping them up.

It's time to put people before polluters. Contact Sec. Northeby today and let him know how you feel about him putting the factory farm

industry before everyday Iowans.

<http://capwiz.com/iowacci/utr/1/KQDNKUNFEY/GGSUKUQXZM/3596269071>

And contact Sec. Vilsack and call on him to deny Northeys request immediately and stand up for the common good.

<http://capwiz.com/iowacci/utr/1/KQDNKUNFEY/JHHLKUQXZN/3596269071>

And, if you haven't signed our petition to stop the USDA from guaranteeing loans to new and expanding factory farm facilities, sign it today!

<http://capwiz.com/iowacci/utr/1/KQDNKUNFEY/JCOSKUQXZO/3596269071>

If you oppose your taxpayer dollars being used to guarantee loans to factory farms, please sign on to the petition to Secretary of Ag Tom Vilsack requesting that USDA suspend all loans to the factory farm industry. CCI and other member groups of Campaign for Family Farms and the Environment are circulating this petition to our contacts all across the country - we need you to join us in this critical movement.

Click here to read the sign-on letter and add your name today! We hope to have 1,000 signatures by July 31.

<http://capwiz.com/iowacci/utr/1/KQDNKUNFEY/LDDQKUQXZP/3596269071>

We must stand up to put people before polluters. Take bold action today!

Dear JFAN supporters,

Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement (CCI) has filed an ethics complaint against State Representative Dolores Mertz who heads the Agricultural Committee in the Iowa House. The complaint says her family and financial ties to the hog industry impact her ability to be impartial in her role as Ag Committee chair. They are demanding that she be removed as head of the committee where she can kill bills before debate takes place.

Here is an update from Iowa CCI with the latest on the complaint and what you can do to support their efforts. You can also let Representative Pat Murphy know how you feel by taking action at:

<http://capwiz.com/iowacci/issues/alert/?alertid=12776231>

Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely yours,

JFAN Board of Directors

FROM Iowa CCI:

Here's a new development in our ethics complaint against Rep. Dolores Mertz...

CCI members filed an ethics complaint against Rep. Dolores Mertz this past Tuesday (Feb. 24). Mertz is the chair of the House Agriculture Committee. She has family ties and financial ties to the factory farm industry. Our ethics complaint, which has been forwarded to the House Ethics Committee, calls for Mertz to be replaced as chair of the House Ag Committee with someone who has no family or financial ties to factory farms. Our complaint was endorsed by 125 CCI members and supporters.

Just yesterday, Rep. Helen Miller – who is the chair of the House Ethics Committee – called the CCI office to tell us that the House Ethics Committee will be meeting this Monday, March 2 at 10 am to review our ethics complaint. The meeting will be held in the Supreme Court Consultation room, which is room 102 on the 1st floor of the Capitol.

It's critical for us to have a strong presence at Monday's meeting to show the committee we want a House Ag Committee chair who doesn't have family ties or financial ties to the factory farm industry. We want someone who will Put People First! People before politics, People before polluters, People before profits.

We are asking you to be at Monday's meeting. If you plan on attending, please let us know by

replying to this email. We'll meet at the first floor rotunda at 9:30 am. Plan on being at the State Capitol until 11:30.

Then, on Tuesday, March 3, join us for our rally and lobby day as we take critical next steps on key bills. This is ten days before the first funnel—it's a very important time for us to push for the bills that matter most right before our legislators decide which bills will survive. Be there to let your legislators know we want policies that put people before profits, politics and polluters!

Thank you for your support and for being part of an organization that tackles tough issues and gets things done.

Kristin SchAAF
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[www.iowacci.org <<http://www.iowacci.org>>](http://www.iowacci.org)
We talk. We act. We get it done.

Join us at the State Capitol March 3!

We need a Statehouse where everyday Iowans set the agenda. **Help us:**

- Hold legislators accountable,**
- Ramp up our efforts at the Statehouse, and**
- Mobilize thousands of Iowans to get things done on issues that matter most.**

We need you there to show our legislators that thousands of Iowans will hold them accountable this legislative session.

Jefferson County Farmers & Neighbors, Inc.

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COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Community Education - Publications

Published Spring/Summer 2010 Newsletter

Published Fall/Winter 2010 Newsletter

Updated JFAN website

www.jfaniowa.org

Published *Rooting Around: News from Jefferson County Farmers & Neighbors, Inc.*

Published periodic columns in *Fairfield Weekly Reader* newspaper reporting on CAFO-related news.

- CAFO Expansion in Jefferson County, September 9
- Pleasant Plain Lawsuit Settles, May 6, 2010

Emails to JFAN mailing list

Providing information on action alerts from Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement or other organizations.

- ICCI Statehouse Rally Tuesday January 27, 1/22/10
- DNR Taking Comments Until February 1 About Manure Application on Frozen Ground 1/25/10
- IMPORTANT: Iowa Legislators Trying to Severely Restrict Bill Manure Ban on Frozen Ground, February 10, 2010
- Pleasant Plain Lawsuit Settles, May 13, 2010
- Community Awareness Meeting Next TUES and WED – November 11, 2010

Community Education – Community Service

Consultations with Maharishi Vedic City on Buch CAFO expansion

- Contacted residents within two mile radius about a 300 head expansion to a hog operation
- Met numerous times with concerned residents of Maharishi Vedic City and Maharishi University of Management about expansion
- Conducted an in-depth analysis of the Buch manure management plan
- Participated in a meeting with representatives of the Buch CAFO, Maharishi Vedic City, and Maharishi University of management to discuss the expansion and alternatives to the manure management plan.

Presented JFAN's mission and accomplishments at the Democratic Convention in March 2010

Attended organizing meeting with local representative of Food and Water Watch
October 19, 2010

Provided information to neighborhood group in Cantril, Van Buren County, regarding 4000-head CAFO

Provided information to neighborhood group in Scott County regarding 3022-head expansion

Community Education – Public Events

JFAN Annual Community Meeting

Sustainability: Post-CAFO - Restoring Agriculture, Community, and Economic Self-Sufficiency

October 6, 2010

Fairfield Arts and Convention Center, Fairfield, IA

400 attendees

Suggested donation: \$5

- Speakers:
 - Jim Braun, Co-coordinator, Illinois Local and Organic Food and Farm Task Force, and Director, Illinois Local Food, Farms & Jobs Council
 - *Wholesale Changes to the Illinois Food Economy*
 - Dr. Kamyar Enshayan, Director, Center for Energy & Environmental Education, U. of Northern Iowa; Director, Local Food Project, UNI;
 - Reclaiming Agriculture's Role in Community Vitality
 - Elisabet Humble, Director of Hometown Harvest
 - Local Food Projects in Southeast Iowa
 - Screening of Katie Couric CBS Nightly News Report on antibiotics in food
- Publicized to southeast Iowan residents, legislators, and organizations via statewide press releases to the media, advertisements, press releases, articles, posters, emails, personal invitations, JFAN website, announcements from other organizations, and radio shows.
- Radio interview with Jim Braun on KRUU-FM.
- Development of meeting handouts including program, information on JFAN, and donation forms.
- Recorded meeting to post on website and to make available through DVD's.

Community Awareness Meeting with Carl and Camille Jorgensen

Tuesday, November 16

Rukmapura Park Hotel, Maharishi Vedic City

The Jorgensen's provided a first hand account of how a 1250 head CAFO built within a ½ mile of their home affected their quality of life.

Booth Presentation at Eco-Fair

April 30 – May 2, 2010

Maharishi University of Management, Fairfield, IA

Booth Presentation at the Sierra Club Leopold Group Spring Forum

March 27, 2010

Fellowship Hall, Fairfield, IA

Funded Science Fair project for Maharishi School Students

Project was presented in numerous locations throughout 2010, including Iowa, California, and Washington, DC

FUNDRAISING

- Sent fundraising emails out to JFAN mailing list, May 2010
- Ran fundraising ads in Fairfield Weekly Reader over two week period
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2009 COMMUNITY EDUCATION – EMAILS

ICCI Statehouse Rally Tuesday January 27 – January 22, 2010

Dear JFAN Supporters,

ICCI is holding a rally at the Statehouse next Tuesday, January 26. This is an opportunity to meet with key state legislators to give them feedback on what kinds of legislation you support and how you feel about factory farming in Iowa.

As part of our mission to promote public awareness and education, we are forwarding ICCI's announcement on the rally below. If you support this event, you can find more info and register for the rally on the ICCI website at the link below. ICCI is hoping that 20 or more people from Fairfield come to Des Moines.

Thank you for all you do.

JFAN Board of Directors

From Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement:

Enough is Enough!
Join ICCI for a Rally and Lobby Day
"Showdown at the Statehouse"
Tuesday, January 26, 2010
10 am - 4 pm
Meet at the Wallace Building, E. 9th and E. Grand

Be there to show your support and tell state leaders we want action on these important no-cost solutions to put people first:

- **Local control and tougher permitting standards for factory farms**
- Campaign contribution limits and Voter-Owned Iowa Clean Elections
[<http://www.voterownediowa.org/>](http://www.voterownediowa.org/)
- Cap payday loan interest rates
- Affordable access to higher education for *all* Iowans

Click here for more information on the rally and what you can do:
<http://www.iowacci.org/calendar/rallylobbyday2010.html>

Please contact Jim Rubis, ICCI's local representative, at 472-5378 if you would like to arrange for car pooling.
IMPORTANT: Iowa Legislators Trying to Severely Restrict Bill Manure Ban on Frozen Ground

DNR Taking Comments Until Feb 1 About Manure Application on Frozen Ground – January 25, 2010

Dear JFAN Supporters,

The DNR is currently asking for comments on the new legislation that prohibits spreading liquid manure on frozen or snow covered ground. The DNR is working with the EPC to develop rules to implement this legislation and the comments will help shape the rulemaking outcome. This is significant legislation as improper application of manure on frozen ground results in significant runoff of untreated manure into waterways.

As part of our continuing mission of public awareness and education, we are forwarding the following announcement from ICCI regarding how you can ensure these rules provide the highest amount of protection for the environment. If you agree with this call to action, please take the steps they outline below.

Thank you for all you do.

JFAN Board of Directors

From Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement:

**Tell the DNR: Stand up for Clean Water!
Keep factory farm manure off snow and ice!**

In 2009, in spite of opposition from factory farm groups, CCI members fought for and won legislation that prohibits factory farm operators from spreading liquid manure on frozen and snow-covered ground between December 21 and April 1. This was a huge victory!

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) are going through rulemaking to enact the legislation that was passed. The DNR is holding a series of public hearings around the state to take public comments on the rules.

Several meetings were already held and one more is scheduled (info below). Written comments can be handed in during the meeting or sent to Gene Tinker at the DNR (see below).

Please either attend a hearing or write a letter telling the DNR to:

- Keep a strong and enforceable ban
- Protect our water from factory farm manure runoff
- Restrict the definition of 'emergency' - don't expand it to include manure pit storage limits and equipment failure. Don't let factory farm interests try to expand this definition!

Factory farm operators will be attending the hearings. It's urgent for you to be heard, too!

Scheduled Hearing:

Feb. 1 at 1:30 p.m. in the North Iowa Area Community College Muse Norris Conference Center, 500 College Drive, Mason City

Written comments on the rules can be handed in at the hearings or be submitted no later than 4 p.m. on Feb. 1 to Gene Tinker, DNR, 502 E. Ninth St, Des Moines, IA 50319 or

gene.tinker@dnr.iowa.gov

<https://mail.lisco.com/webmail/src/compose.php?send_to=gene.tinker%40dnr.iowa.gov>

Let ICCI know how it went if you are able to attend a hearing or if you send in any comments. Contact Natalie at 515-282-0484 or natalie@iowacci.org if you have any questions.

ICCI Statehouse Rally Tuesday January 26

IMPORTANT: Iowa Legislators Trying to Severely Restrict Bill Manure Ban on Frozen Ground – February 20, 2010

Dear Friends,

Yesterday the House Ag Committee unanimously passed a bill that would severely weaken the ban on applying factory farm manure to frozen and snow covered ground. The bill was pushed through the House Ag committee less than 24 hours after it was introduced late Monday afternoon.

We are passing along this important action alert from Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement with steps you can take if you agree with their call for action.

Thank you for all you do.

JFAN Board of Directors
www.jfaniowa.org

Action Alert Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement

We need you to stand up for clean water NOW!

The House Ag Committee caved in to corporate pressure today and unanimously passed House File 2324 - a bill that would directly lead to more factory farm manure in our water. Corporate Ag groups pushed to introduce this bill late Monday afternoon and got it passed through the House Ag Committee in less than 24 hours.

This bad, last-minute legislation will gut the ban of manure application on frozen and snow-covered ground by granting an exception to the rule to all factory farms built prior to July 1, 2009, the vast majority of more than 5,500 factory farms in our state. This bill is a slap in the face to thousands of Iowans who are fighting for clean water -- and a clear example of legislators putting polluters before everyday people.

Because of your efforts, we won the ban of manure application on frozen and snow-covered ground to protect our waters during the 2009 legislative session. **House File 2324 -- and the Senate Bill, SF 2229 -- is a blatant attempt by corporate Ag industry allies to push through an amendment that would destroy the ban without any transparency or public debate.**

The Senate version of the bill will likely pass out of committee Wednesday. It will then be eligible to come to the House and Senate floors for a vote.

HF 2324 and SF 2229 will essentially allow 5,500 factory farms to dump manure in our water whenever they want -- this bill is shameful, and we must stop it dead in its tracks!

Take URGENT action NOW:

1. Contact key leaders

<<http://capwiz.com/iowacci/utr/1/MHYCMABMVH/HZWTMACKND/4654154936>> at the Statehouse. We need you to tell Governor Culver, Senate Majority Leader Mike Gronstal, House leadership Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy and Speaker Pat Murphy and your House representative to ask them which side are you on? Thousands of factory farms or millions of everyday Iowans who need clean water?

Tell them to stop kowtowing to corporate Ag special interests and stand up for our water quality and the common good. Call on them to protect everyday Iowans and to stand in opposition to HF 2324 and SF 2229. **Follow this link <<http://capwiz.com/iowacci/utr/1/MHYCMABMVH/LNJZMACKNE/4654154936>> to send them an email, AND give them a call.**

Gov. Culver: 515-281-5211
Sen: Gronstal: 515-281-3901
Rep. McCarthy: 515-281-3054
Rep. Murphy: 515-281-5566
House switchboard: 515-281-3221

Please let us know if you take action by sending CCI an email at: iowacci@iowacci.org.

2. Join with us for our Showdown at the Statehouse at the State Capitol Monday, Feb. 22 at 10:00 am. We need you there to have a strong presence to show our legislators that Iowans are appalled by this decision and blatant disregard for our quality of life.

This is just the first of many steps corporate Ag groups will try to take to undermine Iowans' air, water and quality of life -- we must call on our elected officials to put people first! We need you to join us and stand up for an Iowa we all want to see -- where people are put before polluters!

Following the rally, we will lobby our legislators and deliver our message to key leaders to make sure our message is heard loud and clear. We should wrap up the day by 3 pm. **Please follow this link to register today! <<http://capwiz.com/iowacci/utr/1/MHYCMABMVH/EDMYMACKNF/4654154936%20>> <<http://capwiz.com/iowacci/utr/1/MHYCMABMVH/EDMYMACKNF/4654154936>>**

Iowa already suffers from some of the worst water quality in the nation. High levels of ammonia pollution all across Iowa were traced back to manure application on frozen and snow-covered ground. This bill would gut

the state law that bans the spreading of manure on frozen and snow-covered ground by exempting more than 5,500 factory farms that were built before July 1, 2009 due to a lack of storage for their manure. Poor manure management is not an emergency!

The Environmental Protection Agency came down strongly in favor of a ban without exceptions last year. Passage of this new legislation would be a clear violation of the Clean Water Act and would also undermine the Iowa Department of Natural Resources' authority to regulate factory farms.

House File 2324 and Senate File 2229 would, for all intents and purposes, gut this manure application ban and leave the door wide open for thousands of factory farms to apply manure on frozen or snow-covered ground wherever they want. We need you to help us stop this bill in its tracks!

Pleasant Plain Lawsuit Settles – May 13, 2010

Dear Friends,

We are passing along our article published in last week's *Weekly Reader* on the outcome of the Pleasant Plain lawsuit. JFAN is pleased the plaintiffs are satisfied and that we understand it to be beneficial to the community-at-large and the environment.

Thank you for all you do.
JFAN Board of Directors

From the May 6, 2010 Fairfield Weekly Reader

Pleasant Plain Lawsuit Settles

by Diane Rosenberg
JFAN Executive Director

After a long and protracted legal battle, we are pleased to report that the Pleasant Plain lawsuit settled on March 5, 2010. The case was scheduled to go to trial on March 26th.

The Pleasant Plain Property Owners Association (PPPOA) representing 26 home owners, sued James Kaska and JL Pork, Inc. for building and operating a 1200-head hog confinement (CAFO) close to their homes. All the plaintiffs lived within a 1½-mile radius of the CAFO.

Although the actual settlement terms are confidential, JFAN understands that the plaintiffs in the case consider the settlement to be a very satisfactory outcome, beneficial to both the plaintiffs personally, the community at-large, and the environment.

The lawsuit was a long and costly process for all parties. JFAN provided the PPPOA and the individual plaintiffs with substantial financial assistance grants to help cover legal expenses.

The Parrish Kruidenier Firm, a well-known Des Moines law firm with a proven track record in litigation, along with Fairfield attorney David Sykes, represented the PPPOA.

The Pleasant Plain lawsuit was filed about four years ago after Mr. Kaska and JL Pork constructed the 1200-head CAFO. The CAFO is located near Pleasant Plain Road and 167th Street, about three miles north of Fairfield.

Prior to construction of the CAFO, several neighbors met with Mr. Kaska, requesting that he not build the CAFO at the proposed location, as it would diminish their quality of life and peaceful enjoyment. JFAN provided educational support to the neighbors during this period. Several attempts to resolve the matter without litigation failed, and the CAFO was constructed. The lawsuit was filed on May 19, 2006.

The lawsuit charged that the massive amounts of animal waste generated by the facility harmed the health, safety, and quality of life of the plaintiffs, the public and the environment. It alleged there was a significant risk of groundwater contamination from the CAFO and the spreading of liquid manure.

The plaintiffs further asserted that the noxious chemicals created by the untreated liquid manure, unhealthy and unpleasant odor and harmful airborne particulates emanating from the facility constituted a nuisance and threatened the quiet enjoyment of their homes and land.

Additionally, the lawsuit contended that the facility reduced the property values of the 14 homes owned by the plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs requested to be reasonably and justly compensated for the nuisance.

The trial was originally scheduled for March 2009 in Jefferson County, but was postponed several times. Ultimately, the venue was changed from Jefferson County to Washington County.

JFAN is pleased to have been able to support the plaintiffs and to help in effectuating a positive result in the fight against the proliferation of CAFO's, and their harmful side effects, in Jefferson County.

JFAN would like to express its appreciation to all its supporters who have made it possible for the residents of Jefferson County to continue to enjoy fresh and healthy air and clean water.

Provided as a community service by Jefferson County Farmers & Neighbors (JFAN), a tax-exempt educational organization. www.jfaniowa.org

Community Awareness Meeting Next TUES and WED – November 11, 2010

Please note that the Rukmapura meeting originally scheduled for Monday has been moved to TUESDAY because of a scheduling conflict with an M.U.M. community meeting.

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Jefferson County Farmers and Neighbors, Inc. (JFAN) Board of Directors, I would like to invite you to a Community Awareness Meeting next week with Carl and Camille Jorgensen, two of the 26 plaintiffs in the Pleasant Plain case. This case involved an important out-of-court settlement that has far reaching implications for the future of our county.

We will hold two separate meetings, and you can attend at one of two convenient locations:

- **The Rukmapura Park Hotel on TUESDAY, November 16 at 7:45 pm**
- **Fairfield Public Library on Wednesday, November 17 at 7:45 pm**

Carl and Camille were directly and significantly affected by the James Kaska CAFO, which was built within one mile of their home. They will provide a first-hand account of the ordeal they experienced living next to a confinement and explain why we must remain united as a community.

You'll see how a CAFO can personally affect you on a daily basis.

After this year's election results, JFAN feels it's unlikely changes will occur at the state level to help fix the problems associated with CAFOs or to restore local control, which is favored by a majority of Iowans. In fact, we feel there is a chance that a move may be made to weaken current regulations that protect the environment and food safety in order to further promote agribusiness.

Therefore it is up to all of us to maintain constant vigilance to protect our families, our homes, and our environment. We will discuss how you can work with JFAN, in large and small ways, to protect our quality of life and continue to keep CAFO development low in our county.

JFAN is committed to safeguarding Jefferson County. We invite you to attend on either November 16 or November 17 to find out how you can be part of that effort.

Please mark your calendar. I hope you can join us for a very informative and important evening.

Sincerely yours,

Diane Rosenberg
Executive Director

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- Just What Happened to Those Environmental Bills?, September 2011
- Two CAFO Expansions Proposed in Jefferson County, December 2011

Emails to JFAN mailing list

Providing information on action alerts from Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement or other organizations as well as informational updates from JFAN

- Important DNR Public Meeting on CAFOs Thursday, January 4, 2011
- Important! DNR Seeking Written Comments on New CAFO Rules, January 5, 2011
- Several Bills Threaten Deregulation of Factory Farms, March 10, 2011
- Help Protect Our Quality of Life, April 26, 2011
- Hear JFAN on National Webcast Saturday 1:00 pm, April 29, 2011
- Urgent Action Needed to Stop Iowa's Whistleblowers Bill, May 1, 2011
- Action Alert: Clean Water or Job Cuts?, May 13, 2011
- Excellent New York Times Article "Preventing Cruelty on the Farm", May 25, 2011
- Branstad in Fairfield on Tuesday, June 14, 1PM, TODAY!, June 14, 2011
- Documentary on Sustainable Livestock Systems Sunday, August 5, 2011
- Tonight! Replay of Diane Wilson JFAN Talk, November 3, 2011
- Important CAFO Meeting THIS Tuesday, November 5, 2011
- Two CAFO Expansions Proposed in Jefferson County, December 10, 2011
- Public Hearing THIS Thursday December 22 - CAFO Expansions, December 21, 2011
- Update on Robertson CAFO Expansions, December 27, 2011

Wrote two letters published in two separate editions of the *Fairfield Ledger* on the Master Matrix, February 2011

Wrote a letter published in the *Fairfield Ledger* on Governor Branstad's clean water comment made at a Fairfield meeting, June 2011

Placed ad in Fairfield Chamber of Commerce Map, June 2011

Community Education – Community Service

Continued to monitor and negotiate Buch expansion outside of Maharishi Vedic City

- Mediated meeting between Buch and Maharishi Vedic City representatives
- Generated summary of meeting for all parties to review and agree to next steps
- Evaluated letter written by Buch on state of CAFO to Maharishi Vedic City representatives and provided advice
- Provided advice on follow-up letter to Buch

Sponsored Fairfield Go Green Plan's Backyard Conservation Workshops, March 2011

Attended and made comments at Davis County supervisors hearing on a CAFO expansion, August 2011

Alerted residents within a two-mile radius of a 2400-head CAFO expansion by Nathan Porter in southern Jefferson County, February 1, 2011

Alerted residents within a two-mile radius of a 2400-head CAFO expansion by Spenser Attwood in northeast Jefferson County, September 30, 2011

Alerted residents within a two-mile radius of two 2400-head CAFO expansions by Ryan Robertson in northeast Jefferson County, December 2011

- Conducted extensive research on the Master Matrix applications for both facilities
- Sent a letter to the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors urging they deny recommendations to the DNR of both CAFOs
- Testified at a public hearing on both facilities
- Interfaced with Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement and the Iowa DNR in opposing the CAFO

Provided information on CAFO locations to a new Jefferson County resident interested in purchasing land, March 2011

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“Corporate Accountability: One Woman’s Struggle and Triumph”

October 5, 2011

Fairfield Arts and Convention Center, Fairfield, IA

350 attendees

Suggested donation: \$5

- Speaker:
 - Diane Wilson, Environmental Activist and Code-Pink Co-Founder
 - Screening of trailer of documentary *American Meat*
- Publicized to southeast Iowan residents, legislators, and organizations via statewide press releases to the media, advertisements, press releases, articles, posters, emails, personal invitations, JFAN website, announcements from other organizations, and radio shows
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Replayed DVD of Diane Wilson's presentation at the JFAN Annual Meeting

- November 3, 2011
- Sustainable Living Coalition Seed Center
- Film and pot luck dinner
- Attended by 10 people

Appeared twice on Surviving the 21st Century, a weekly web cast show on blogtalkradio.com

- Hosted by authors Mannie Barling and Ashley Brooks with an estimated audience of 500,000

- March 26, 2011
- April 30, 2011

Gave a presentation on JFAN to a Maharishi University of Management Sustainable Living Dept. Policy class, February, 2011

Attended a meeting with Governor Branstad at a Fairfield, Iowa restaurant, June 14, 2011

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Dear JFAN Supporters,

As part of our ongoing commitment to keep the public informed on key CAFO issues, we are forwarding this announcement from Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement with information on an important hearing that you may wish to attend if you agree with this call to action.

Thank you for all you do.
JFAN Board of Directors

Action Alert from Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement:

Tell the Iowa DNR to put people before profits, politics, & polluters during a DNR hearing in Ainsworth, this Thursday, January 6 at 6pm!

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is writing rules to implement the federal Clean Water Act here in Iowa, but the corporate factory farm lobby is working overtime to weaken and undermine the new clean water rules. Iowa CCI members want these rules to be as strong as possible to protect and preserve our water quality from factory farm polluters, and we know we're going to have to mobilize and fight back to win.

The DNR is holding a series of public hearings around the state in the next few weeks to take public comments on the rules. These are big hearings, and we need a big turnout in order to have a big impact.

Here are some things we need to tell the DNR loud and clear:

- **Every factory farm in Iowa should have to obtain a Clean Water Act operating permit.** There have been more than 700 manure spills in Iowa. Manure spills can happen at any time, to any operator. Enough is enough! The state's long history of manure spills, widespread nutrient pollution, tile lines, topography, and more all clearly show that all Iowa factory farms "propose to discharge" and must get a Clean Water Act permit. To do otherwise means the Iowa DNR is deliberately failing to protect water quality as required under the Clean Water Act and will not be meeting minimum requirements.
- **Factory farms should not be exempt from the same monitoring and reporting requirements that other industries must adhere to.** Exempting factory farms from monitoring and reporting requirements under Chapters 63 and 64 makes the rules weaker than federal requirements.
- **Factory farm operators cannot be trusted to regulate themselves.** The DNR should not allow the industry to "self-certify" their compliance with the federal law, because all Iowa factory farms "propose to discharge" and therefore must obtain a Clean Water Act permit.
- **Factory farms should be required to follow "linear reporting" in their nutrient management plans** because it is easier for both the DNR and the general public to compare waste application with land area to ensure that manure won't reach our waterways.

Join us for the next Clean Water Act public hearing!

**Washington County Conservation Board
Education Center, Marr Park
2943 Highway 92, Ainsworth, Iowa (in Washington County)
Thursday, January 6, 6pm**

To RSVP, contact Iowa CCI rural community organizer David Goodner at 515.282.0484 or david@iowacci.org

Ready to Rumble: Put People First!

Join us for CCI's Jan. 25 Rally & Lobby Day - [**register online today!**](#)

10 am to 4 pm

Wallace Bldg. & the State Capitol

People before politics, profits and polluters!

Important! DNR Seeking Written Comments on New CAFO Rules – January 5, 2011

Dear JFAN Supporters,

The DNR is proposing new rules to regulate CAFOs and is currently taking written comments until January 11. The December 28 *Fairfield Ledger* reported that Gene Tinker, coordinator of confinement operations at the DNR, said the agency already received about 30 emailed comments and that "The general tone...is that we've got enough regulations already."

As part of our ongoing commitment to keep the public informed on key CAFO issues, we are forwarding an email from Wally Taylor, an environmental lawyer and attorney for the Iowa Sierra Club. He provides recommendations on commenting on these rules that you can use if you agree with supporting further CAFO regulations.

Thanks for all you do.

JFAN Board of Directors

From Wally Taylor, Attorney, Iowa Sierra Club:

The Iowa DNR has proposed new rules to allegedly regulate CAFOs. These new rules are supposed to comply with the EPA CAFO rule that was adopted in 2008. The EPC has issued a Notice of Intended Action to put these new rules out for public comment. The main issues we are concerned about in these new rules are:

1. According to the EPA rule, a CAFO must obtain an NPDES permit if it discharges or proposes to discharge pollutants to a water of the United States. Of course, CAFO operators claim they do not discharge or propose to discharge, so the Iowa rule needs to have a good definition or guidelines to determine when a CAFO proposes to discharge, in spite of what the operator says. The new rules simply use the general statement from the EPA rule that a CAFO proposes to discharge if "it is designed, constructed, operated, or maintained such that a discharge will occur." Obviously, that vague definition is not very helpful.

As a result of a settlement of a lawsuit between the Sierra Club and EPA, EPA adopted guidelines for determining when a CAFO proposes to discharge. We asked that these guidelines be incorporated into the Iowa rules to make the issue clear and give everyone clear guidance. The DNR refused our request. So our comment needs to be that these EPA guidelines should be incorporated into the Iowa rules.

2. Iowa water quality rules say that any facility that operates a wastewater disposal system but is not required to have an NPDES permit must obtain an operation permit. These new Iowa rules exempt CAFOs from this requirement. Since most, if not all, confinement CAFOs will not be required to have an NPDES permit, they would have to have an operation permit if they were treated like any other wastewater disposal system.

The DNR claims that for CAFOs, the NPDES permit is the operation permit. If that argument had even a shred of validity, then other wastewater disposal systems that are not CAFOs should not be required to have operation permits, either. Our comment needs to be that CAFOs that are not required to have NPDES permits should be required to have operation permits.

3. The EPA rule allows CAFOs to voluntarily certify that they do not propose to discharge pollutants. If they so certify, they do not need an NPDES permit. If, contrary to the certification, they do discharge, they are subject to an enforcement action for the discharge without a permit, but they are not required to obtain an NPDES permit if they certify again and claim they have corrected the problem that led to the discharge. So a CAFO can repeatedly certify, have a discharge, recertify, have a discharge, etc. and never have to get an NPDES permit.

When we met informally with the DNR staff prior to the EPC considering these rules, the staff said they did not want to adopt the certification procedure in the Iowa rules. But, of course, when the rules were presented to the EPC, the certification procedure was there. A state does not have to adopt the certification procedure. Our comment needs to be that the state should not adopt the certification procedure.

4. The EPA rule says that every CAFO that is required to have an NPDES permit must have a nutrient management plan (nutrient means manure). The EPA rule further says that the nutrient management plan can use a "linear approach" or a "narrative approach." Without getting too technical, the linear approach uses numerical calculations of nitrogen and phosphorus and calculates the amount of manure that can be applied to a field from a CAFO. The narrative approach uses more descriptive statements of the procedures that will be used to apply the manure.

Again, when we met with DNR staff they said they liked the linear approach and would adopt that for the Iowa rules. The CAFO operators like the narrative approach. And of course, when the rules were presented to the EPC, they allow the CAFO to use either approach. Our comments need to be that the rules should adopt only the linear approach so there is better control on the amount of nitrogen and phosphorus that is applied.

Written comments are due by January 11, 2011. They should be addressed to Gene Tinker, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. 9th St., Des Moines, Iowa 50319. You can also e-mail comments to Gene Tinker at [<gene.tinker@dnr.iowa.gov>](mailto:gene.tinker@dnr.iowa.gov) .

There will also be public hearings around the state in early January. The schedule is:

January 4 - 6 p.m.
Northeast Iowa Community College
Dairy Center, Room 115
1527 Highway 150 South
Calmar

January 5 - 6 p.m.
Lime Creek Nature Center
3501 Lime Creek Road
Mason City

January 6 - 6 p.m.
Washington County Conservation Board
Education Center, Marr Park
2943 Highway 92
Ainsworth

January 10 - 6 p.m.
Clay County Administration Building
Boardroom
300 W. 4th St.
Spencer

January 11 - 11 a.m.
Wallace State Office Building
4th Floor Conference Room
502 E. 9th St.
Des Moines

Thanks to everyone who can attend one of these hearings and/or submit written comments. Good rules are extremely important in order to control CAFOs.
Wally Taylor

Several Bills Threaten Deregulation of Factory Farms – March 10, 2011

Dear JFAN Supporters,

There are several bills in the Iowa State Legislature that will further deregulate Iowa's factory farming industry if passed. These bills will significantly erode many of the protections and rules currently set in place.

As part of our mission to provide community education, we are passing along this action alert from Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement with information on each bill and steps you can take if you agree with their call to action.

**Thank you for all you do.
JFAN Board of Directors**

From Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement:

Dear Friend,

You and I are under attack.

Right now - as you read this - there are multiple bills advancing in the Iowa House and Senate that, if signed into law, will further de-regulate the factory farm industry. Taken as a whole, these 6 bills will dismantle more than 12 years of important environmental protections and legislative battles that CCI members like you have fought hard for and won.

We must turn up the heat to stop these bad bills!

<<http://www.capwiz.com/iowacci/issues/alert/?alertid=33901501&type=ST>>
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Take a look for yourself:

- House Study Bill 148 and Senate Study Bill 1126 de-fund the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR), gut the DNRs factory farm enforcement programs and transfers water quality monitoring and Clean Water Act enforcement to Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS). IDALS lacks both the ability and the will to effectively monitor and enforce state and federal environmental laws.
- House File 500 strips the Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) of its rulemaking authority and centralizes it in the hands of the DNR director. It would effectively remove important checks and balances and all public input from the environmental rulemaking process.
- House File 558 will block any new regulations that protects our air and water quality from factory farm pollution, claiming that protecting the environment is too "burdensome" to the industry and its bottom-line.
- House File 550 doles out \$15 million a year of OUR tax-payer dollars to the factory farm industry in the form of guaranteed loans.
- House File 430 strips everyday Iowans of our constitutional rights to sue factory farm polluters. Factory farms and the damage they cause should not be out of reach of the law.

This is an all out, corporate ag assault on you, me, the DNR, EPC and every law, rule and regulation to protect our air, water, and quality of life from factory farm polluters. Governor Branstad and the Iowa GOP want to de-regulate every aspect of the factory farm industry in the name of corporate profits. We cannot let this happen.

Take just five minutes to deliver an important message to your legislators today:

- **CALL your Representative and Senator** (House Switchboard 515-281-3221 / Senate Switchboard 515-281-3371). Talking to your legislators directly has the biggest impact. (*Unsure who your legislators are? Follow this link: [<http://capwiz.com/iowacci/directory/statedir.tt?state=IA&lvl=state>](http://capwiz.com/iowacci/directory/statedir.tt?state=IA&lvl=state)*)
- **Use your own words or these talking points:**
 - Vote NO on this gamut of bad bills!
 - Put people and our air and water before corporate ag polluters and profits.
 - We don't need less or "streamlined" regulations. We need stronger regulations to protect our land.
 - Not one taxpayer dime for factory farms!
 - We need better enforcement of the laws on the books. IDALS won't be the enforcer.
 - These bills put the fox in charge of the hen house and will lead to more factory farm pollution in our water.
- **Unable to call?** Email your legislators
[\(<http://capwiz.com/iowacci/utr/1/MCXGPBKSLM/EXWDPBQWGJ/6583062031>\)](http://capwiz.com/iowacci/utr/1/MCXGPBKSLM/EXWDPBQWGJ/6583062031) by following this link to our e-action alert [\(<http://capwiz.com/iowacci/utr/1/MCXGPBKSLM/NRLAPBQWGK/6583062031>\)](http://capwiz.com/iowacci/utr/1/MCXGPBKSLM/NRLAPBQWGK/6583062031) :
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When you're done, please let us know how your calls went and forward this email on to five of your friends!

Help Protect Our Quality of Life – April 26, 2011

Dear JFAN Supporters,

Several bills still being debated in the Iowa legislature, in our opinion, could have a disastrous impact on our environment. Senate File 500, which is likely to be voted on this week, has a chance to pass. This would transfer the role of protecting the environment from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to the Iowa Department of Agriculture.

There may be a move to amend the bill, keeping all water quality monitoring efforts at the DNR but funding the Department of Agriculture. This would leave the DNR with minimal funds to carry out their monitoring efforts.

As part of our ongoing commitment to keep the public informed on key CAFO issues, we are forwarding this announcement from Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement with information on Senate File 500 and what you can do if you agree with their call to action.

Thank you for all you do.

JFAN Board of Directors

Action Alert From Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement

Dear ICCI Supporter,

I'm writing you today because I need your help to stop a bill, Senate File 500, that threatens my quality of life and yours.

My name is Jim Yungclas and I live in Wright county with my wife Arlene, about 3 miles south of Renwick.

Three years ago, we learned an egg-laying factory, that will contain 1.2 million birds, will be built less than a mile south of us. The same operators own a site by Grinnell and were sued by their neighbors after plaguing them with excessive flies and odor.

We knew that this factory would have the same effect here as it did in Grinnell –it would destroy our quality of life and the retirement we'd worked for our entire lives. So we contacted the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) to stop the construction.

Right away, the DNR responded. **Three years later, we are still waiting to hear back from IDALS.**

That's why I don't understand why our state legislature could even consider moving water quality enforcement from DNR to IDALS. The DNR is charged with protecting our environment and safeguarding our air and water quality from factory farms. They are required to respond to our concerns.

But the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship has an entirely different mission – to promote agriculture, including factory farms.

Senate File 500 would transfer water quality monitoring, protection, and enforcement from pro-environment DNR to pro-corporate IDALS, and it now sits in Senate Appropriations committee. But the bill has no public support outside of the corporate ag industry.

Iowa CCI members like you have been working hard to stop this terrible bill – and it's working. **But we need your help to stop it completely.**

Take action now, and tell your Senator to speak out against SF 500 and to vote NO if the bill comes to the floor. <http://www.capwiz.com/iowacci/issues/alert/?alertid=42478501&type=TA>

Thanks for standing up with me to stop this assault on our land, water, and quality of life.

Jim Yungclas

Renwick, Iowa

Retired Dickinson County Agricultural Extension Director

Hear JFAN on National Webcast Saturday, 1:00 pm – April 29, 2011

Dear JFAN Supporters

Listen to JFAN President Jim Rubis and Board Member Francis Thicke on the national webcast, *Surviving the 21st Century*, on Saturday, April 30 at 1:00.

The webcast is hosted by Mannie Barling and Ashley Brooks, award-winning authors of several books on health, nutrition, and organic foods. You can listen to Saturday's broadcast here:

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/simon-barrett/2011/04/30/surviving-the-21st-century--cafo-revisited>

Jim and Francis will share information on HF 589, the Iowa "Whistleblower's Bill" that would make taking videos and photos of animal abuse on CAFOs a felony. Plus a new study that links hog farm pollution with respiratory problems in neighbors, health concerns with CAFO-produced meat, and more.

Surviving the 21st Century reaches an estimated audience of half a million people. Barling and Brooks have an active interest in sustainable agriculture and factory farming and sought out JFAN for their show.

This is an encore invitation for Francis and Jim who appeared on *Surviving the 21st Century* on March 23. You can listen to that lively discussion on JFAN's activities, info on bills before the Iowa State Legislature, and more here: <http://www.blogtalkradio.com/simon-barrett/2011/03/26/surviving-the-21st-century--sustainable-farming>

Enjoy both webcasts!

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Urgent Action Needed to Stop Iowa's Whistleblowers Bill – May 1, 2011

Dear JFAN Supporters,

We are forwarding the following alert from the American Civil Liberties Union about HF 589, the bill that would make it a felony to videotape or photograph animal abuse on factory farms. The penalties for HF 589 are up to a \$7,500 fine and five years imprisonment as a Class "C" felony.

This bill would seriously curtail investigative work to protect animal welfare and provide public information about the how the nation's food supply is produced. Monsanto, DuPont/Pioneer, and the Iowa Poultry Association are among the big ag companies lobbying heavily for this bill.

HF 589 passed in the Iowa House with a 66-27 vote, and the Iowa Senate is scheduled to debate the bill as early as Monday.

As part of our mission to keep our community informed on CAFO-related matters, we pass along this ACLU email with immediate action steps you can take if you agree with this call to action.

Thank you for all you do.

JFAN Board of Directors

From the American Civil Liberties Union

ACLU of Iowa Action Alert!

The Ag Gag Bill Must Be Stopped!

The badly thought-out ag crimes bill (HF589) has been gaining national attention because of its multiple infringements on freedom of speech, rights of search and seizure, and rights to fair prosecution.

This is the bill that, among other things, would make it illegal for whistleblowers to document health and animal cruelty abuses in livestock facilities.

Yet the bill is still in play, with two new proposed amendments: (S-3286) and (S-3297).

Each new amendment alleges to solve the constitutional violations, but instead each fixes one set of violations by creating an entirely new set. Yesterday's S-3297 even worse. It creates new definitions that conflict with existing sections of Iowa Code!

Our Constitution *already* protects all property owners and their freedom to contract with their employees. Our state law *already* protects against libel and slander, damage to property, and even specific damage to agricultural animals.

The ag gag bill is simply redundant--plus it also strips Iowans of basic civil liberties and due process.

This bill is in danger of being passed--soon. So please act immediately!

Contact your senator by clicking here:

<http://www.legis.iowa.gov/Legislators/senate.aspx>

and tell them to vote NO on Senate Amendments 3286 and 3297, and NO on the unconstitutional and unnecessary HF 589.

The Senate Switchboard number is: 515-281-3371

I also encourage you to email one of the key legislators below. These four people have significant power to forward or halt the ag gag bill.

Senator Mike Gronstal - mike.gronstal@legis.state.ia.us

Senator Jack Kibbie - john.kibbie@legis.state.ia.us

Senator Tom Rielly - tom.rielly@legis.state.ia.us

Senator Joe Seng - joe.seng@legis.state.ia.us

Thank you for your help. Working together, we can keep Iowa a fair, reasonable place with laws that protect--rather than trample--civil liberties!

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Action Alert – Clean Water or Job Cuts? – May 13, 2011

Dear JFAN Supporters,

Because of a \$2 million funding decrease this year, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources is eliminating over 100 jobs beginning in July. This will significantly impact its ability to monitor water quality and carry out important environmental protection duties throughout the state. Last year, exiting DNR director Richard Leopold said the agency was "woefully and shamefully under funded" – and that was before these cuts.

The DNR handles factory farm permitting, inspections, and manure spill investigations, among its many duties. Cutting back on staffing in this already poorly funded department will hurt the environment and affect public health. One of the DNR's activities, monitoring swimming lakes for bacteria introduced by factory farm runoff, may be eliminated.

As part of our mission to provide community education, we are forwarding this action alert from Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement calling for restored funding to the DNR with immediate steps you can take if you agree with this call to action.

Thank you for all you do.

JFAN Board of Directors

From Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement

Yesterday, Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Director Roger Lande announced that he was cutting more than 100 jobs at the DNR at the direction of his boss, Governor Terry Branstad. Branstad wants to slash the budget for environmental protections, which will cripple the agency's ability to do its job, at the same time he is giving away even more tax cuts for his big-moneyed corporate donors.

Will you send Branstad and Lande an email now to demand they provide the funding and resources to let the DNR do its job?

<http://www.capwiz.com/iowacci/issues/alert/?alertid=46353501&type=ML>

"The water division is the backbone of the state's efforts to make sure rivers aren't polluted," writes environmental reporter Perry Beeman in today's Des Moines Register story "More than 100 at DNR to lose jobs." <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2011105120349> "This is a significant hit," said Mary Skopec, a DNR water quality monitoring coordinator. "We don't know how we are going to be able to cover our work."

Iowa CCI members like you have been fighting back against Branstad's agenda to cut corporate taxes and deregulate factory farms, and we've had a lot of success stopping his plans. But it's clear that Branstad and Lande know that de-funding the DNR is a back door way of getting what they want - they don't need to deregulate our environmental protections if they can cripple the DNR's ability to do its job by gutting its budget. And there is no doubt that Branstad will use the "savings" Lande found (by cutting over 100 badly needed jobs) to reward the big-moneyed special interest groups that funded his campaign.

We need to let Branstad and Lande know that the people of Iowa won't stand for a government that kowtows to corporate ag and other big-moneyed special interests. We want a government that stands up for clean air and water and cracks down on factory farm polluters, a government that puts people first - people before profits, politics, and polluters.

Click here to send Branstad and Lande an email right now demanding a budget that fully funds the DNR's water quality monitoring and protection program.

<http://www.capwiz.com/iowacci/issues/alert/?alertid=46353501&type=ML>

Thanks for taking action and for all that you do,

Matt Denner

Online Organizer, Iowa CCI

Excellent New York Times Article" Preventing Cruelty on the Farm – May 25, 2011

Dear JFAN Supporters,

As part of our community education efforts, we are passing along an excellent *New York Times* article written by Nicolette Hahn Niman that we thought you would find very interesting.

Thank you for all you do.

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Preventing Cruelty on the Farm

With billions of animals being raised in large facilities, what can government do to stop cruel or abusive practices?

Introduction

This spring, new laws were proposed in Iowa, Minnesota and Florida that would make it a crime to take undercover videos or photos at industrial farms, a tactic often used by activists to show mistreatment of animals and unsanitary conditions. Supporters of such legislation say farm operations need protection from interlopers, while opponents argue that the bad operators should be punished, not those who expose cruel practices.

With billions of cows, pigs and chickens being raised in large facilities, what can government, with limited resources, do to reduce abusive treatment of animals? Or will better animal welfare depend largely on consumers being willing to pay more for meat and eggs raised under higher standards?

Five Steps the Government Can Take

Nicolette Hahn Niman is a lawyer, livestock rancher and the author of "Righteous Porkchop: Finding a Life and Good Food Beyond Factory Farms."

Industrialized animal operations -- grim, intensely crowded confinement warehouses -- externalize their true costs in terms of public health threats, environmental damage and animal suffering. These problems have been widely documented by governments, universities and credible organizations like the Pew Commission on Industrial Farm Animal Production. Yet the industry's political influence has stymied desperately needed reforms.

Consumers choosing foods from environmentally sound, humane farms hold the greatest promise for positive change. But governments can and should be addressing this urgent question, too. Here are five necessary and achievable reforms.

1. State laws should protect farm animal welfare. Polls show that about 90 percent of Americans believe farm animals deserve humane living conditions. Narrow metal cages for pregnant pigs, crates for veal calves and cramped cages for egg laying hens should be outlawed. California, Colorado, Michigan and several other states have already adopted such laws.
2. Congress should prohibit overusing antibiotics in animal farming. About 80 percent of antibiotics used in the United States each year is in the daily feed of farm animals, mostly to enable keeping animals in densely crowded conditions, which reduces costs. Recent research found half of meat tested from U.S. grocery stores contaminated with staph infections, half of which were antibiotic resistant. Banning subtherapeutic antibiotics in agriculture, as the European Union has already done, would ease overcrowding and make our food safer.
3. Government should better enforce environmental laws. Environmental laws like the Clean Water Act cover animal agriculture. However, federal and state environmental agencies have largely failed to apply them. Forcing animal agriculture to bear its true environmental costs would tip the economic balance in favor of farms with smaller herds and less crowding.
4. Farm subsidies should foster grass. Grass is a happier, healthier habitat for farm animals. It also is the core of ecological farming, even offering the promise of major carbon sequestration. Yet current federal farm policies encourage plowing grasslands while discouraging grass-based methods, like crop rotations, that safeguard soil, water and air. Farm subsidies should contain incentives for grass and require farmers to follow good conservation methods.
5. The United States should launch a domestic Peace Corps for farming. America needs to repopulate rural America and stimulate beneficial jobs for young people. Our nation struggles with unemployment, and yet traditional farming is disappearing partly because it is more labor intensive. Training the next generation in

sustainable agriculture and assisting them to start new farms could be a brave president's boldest and most lasting initiative.

These sensible reforms are financially doable, even in today's fiscally constrained budgets. They would go a long way toward reestablishing a food system that is safe, environmentally sound and humane.

Branstad in Fairfield on Tuesday, June 14, 1PM, TODAY! – June 14, 2011

Dear JFAN Supporters,

Here is a chance for you to give the governor your questions and concerns about the environment, quality of life in Iowa, and CAFOs.

Thanks for all you do.

JFAN Board

Republican Gov. Terry E. Branstad announced event in Fairfield on Tuesday, June 14, 2011:

<https://governor.iowa.gov/2011/06/gov-branstad-continues-second-week-of-'working-together-for-a-better-future'-tour/>

The following events are open to the public:

Tuesday, June 14, 2011

1 p.m. "Working Together for a Better Future" tour Jefferson County event Revelations Café and Bookstore – 2nd Floor 112 N. Main Street Fairfield, IA

For more information, please visit www.Governor.Iowa.gov .

Office of the Governor State Capitol | 1007 East Grand Ave. | Des Moines, Iowa 50319 Phone: 515.281.5211

Documentary on Sustainable Livestock Systems Sunday – August 5, 2011

A just-released film on CAFOs and alternative livestock systems will be shown in Fairfield this coming Sunday, August 7, at 1:30 and 7:30 pm in the Sondheim Center.

The film shows that we can raise livestock in ways that are humane and environmentally sound, as well as productive and profitable for farmers.

Radiance Dairy's Francis Thicke and filmmaker Graham Meriwether will participate in a discussion after the screening.

Below is a press release from the filmmaker that was published in Wednesday's *Fairfield Ledger*.

"American Meat," a documentary featuring several Iowa farmers and agriculture leaders, is coming to Fairfield's Stephen Sondheim Center for the Performing Arts for two screenings on Sunday (Aug. 7). Chronicling America's grass-roots revolution in sustainable, locally-based farming, the film explains how America arrived at its current industrial system. New York City filmmaker Graham Meriwether shows the

feedlots and confinement houses, not through hidden cameras but through the eyes of the farmers who live and work there. The story shifts to the burgeoning sustainable, local-food movement of farmers, chefs and everyday folks who might just change everything about the way meat reaches the American table.

The screenings at the celebrated Sondheim Center at the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center, 200 N. Main St., will be at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$10, and can be purchased at the box office or online. Fairfield's own Francis Thicke, dairy farmer and onetime candidate for Iowa Secretary of Agriculture, will participate in a discussion session with Meriwether after the screenings.

The film examines the debate over whether small-scale sustainable farming can ever produce enough food to feed America. In a surprising move, Virginia farmer Joel Salatin, featured in Michael Pollan's book, "The Omnivores Dilemma," inks a deal to provide pork for the Chipotle restaurants in Charlottesville and Harrisonburg, a step with widespread implications for the meat industry. Iowans featured in the film include farmers Chuck Wirtz of West Bend and Paul Willis of Thornton, Food Democracy Now! Leaders Dave Murphy and Lisa Stokke, and agronomist Fred Kirschenmann of the Ames-based Leopold Center for Sustainable Farming.

Meriwether and his team spent four years traveling across the country interviewing both sustainable farmers and those who work for Big Agriculture, taking care to provide a balanced human look at the economic and environmental issues facing farmers today. The 85-minute feature is the first from Leave It Better, a non-profit, solutions-based environmental organization founded by Meriwether.

Thursday! Replay of Diane Wilson JFAN Talk Nov. 3 – October 31, 2011

From the Sustainable Living Coalition

Sustainable Living Coalition Hosts

Replay of Diane Wilson's JFAN Talk

TONIGHT Thursday, November 3

Potluck dinner – 6:30 pm

Video of Diane Wilson Talk – 7:30 pm

SLC Seed Center

Next to Abundance EcoVillage

Diane Wilson, environmental activist and CodePink co-founder, tells hair-raising stories of how she stopped the environmental violations of Gulf Coast chemical companies. Her talk, ***Corporate Accountability: One Woman's Struggle and Triumph***, drew over 300 to the JFAN meeting in early October.

For those who missed the talk, or those who were there and would like to revisit it, this is the opportunity!

Enjoy discussions with like-minded people? Come early (6:30 pm) for the potluck. The video starts at 7:30 pm. A good will donation is welcome.

Important CAFO Meeting THIS Tuesday – November 5, 2011

Dear Friends,

As part of our ongoing commitment to keep you informed about key CAFO issues, we pass along this announcement from Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement about an important meeting to be held **THIS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8** at 7:30 pm at the Fairfield Public Library.

In our last newsletter, we reported that Iowa CCI along with the Sierra Club and Environmental Integrity Project (EIP) filed a notice to sue against the Environmental Protection Agency.

The groups initiated the suit because the EPA did not respond to a 2007 to a petition that demanded the EPA revoke the Iowa DNR's authority to regulate factory farm water pollution. The full article is attached for your information.

This meeting features Tarah Heinzen, EIP attorney from Washington, DC, providing an important update on the suit with opportunity for participants to weigh in on continued strategies.

Thank you for all you do,

JFAN Board of Directors

Jefferson County Farmers & Neighbors (JFAN) is a tax-exempt educational organization. www.jfanowa.org

From Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement

Calling all factory farm fighters!

We're excited to announce a series of important Clean Water meetings around the state with special guest Tarah Heinzen, environmental attorney from the Environmental Integrity Project (EIP).

Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 7:30 pm- Fairfield Public Library, Fairfield

We have a victory to report: thanks to actions taken by CCI members like you, the Environmental Integrity Project and Sierra Club, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency just announced that they will thoroughly investigate the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and their enforcement of (or non-enforcement of) the 35 year old Clean Water Act as it applies to factory farms.

Tarah will give an update on this huge victory and together we can strategize how to merge this legal action win with bold action on the ground this Fall and during the upcoming 2012 legislative session.

Please let us know if you can make it. We look forward to seeing you and standing up for clean water together!

Thanks for all you do,

Natalie Snyders

Community Organizer

Public Hearing on Two CAFO Expansions – December 21, 2011

Thursday, December 22, 4:00 pm

Jefferson County Courthouse

The Jefferson County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 22 at 4:00 pm to take public comments on two CAFO expansions in Jefferson County by operator Ryan Robertson.

The CAFOs are located at 1031 Quince Avenue in Penn Township and 1083 Germantown Road in Walnut Township. Each CAFO presently has two buildings housing a total of 2490 hogs at each site. The expansions would add an additional 1200 hogs to each location for a total of 3690 hogs each and entail constructing a new confinement building at each facility.

The public hearing provides an opportunity for the public to learn about or comment on any concerns they have about the expansions.

Those planning to make a public comment should bring a written summary of their comments if they want their comments forwarded to the DNR.

Written comments may also be filed at the County Auditor's Office until 4:00 pm on Thursday, December 22.

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Update on Robertson CAFO Expansions – December 27, 2011

Dear JFAN Supporters,

JFAN attended and made public comments at the Thursday, December 22, public hearing on Ryan Robertson's 1200-head expansions to KK Finishers and Brighton Finishers. We are attaching the Ledger's coverage of the meeting, along with JFAN's public comments.

JFAN will continue to work on these CAFO expansions and keep you updated as new developments unfold.

Thank you for all you do,
JFAN Board of Directors