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Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2013

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

► Do not enter Social Security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

► Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.Open to Public
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A For the 2013 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)

Room/suite

P.O. BOX 811

E Telephone number

641-209-6600

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

FAIRFIELD, IA 52556

F Group Exemption
Number ►G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify) ►I Website: ► WWW.JFANIOWA.ORGJ Tax-exempt status (check only one) — 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

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, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ► \$ 78,818.

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

Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1 62,284.
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3
	4 Investment income	4 14.
	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	6d
	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
Net Assets	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)	8 16,520.
	9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9 78,818.
	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10 7,725.
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12
Net Assets	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13 44,926.
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14 400.
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15 7,693.
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16 12,317.
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17 73,061.
	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18 5,757.
	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)	19 16,799.
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20 0.
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21 22,556.

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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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	16,799.	22,556.
23 Land and buildings	23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	24	
25 Total assets	16,799.	22,556.
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0.	0.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	16,799.	22,556.

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

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.)

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

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

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

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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter: 39a

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

b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b

40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 0. ; section 4912 0. ; section 4955 0. 40b

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 40c

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 40d 0.

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

41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed 41

42a The organization's books are in care of FAIRFIELD ACCOUNTING SERVICES Telephone no. 641-472-6655
Located at 504 NORTH 4TH ST., STE. 302, FAIRFIELD, IA ZIP + 4 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

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.

c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? 42c

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

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

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

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

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

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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?
If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

Yes	No
46	X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations 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

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

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."

Yes	No
47	X
48	X
49a	X
49b	

(a) Name and title of each employee NONE	(b) 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 business address of each independent contractor	(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	► <i>Diane Rosenberg</i> Signature of officer	11/14/14 Date
	► DIANE ROSENBERG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Vice President Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name TELFORD A. LODDEN	Preparer's signature <i>Telford A. Loden</i>	Date 11/7/14	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)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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.

► **Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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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 - Non-functionally integrated

e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)

f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box

g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?

(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?

(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

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

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

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2013

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) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(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) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(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 2013 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2013. 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 - 2012. 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 - 2013. 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 - 2012. 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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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) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")	93,395.	160,956.	106,477.	42,808.	75,284.	478,920.
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	93,395.	160,956.	106,477.	42,808.	75,284.	478,920.
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	88,500.	121,010.	71,852.			281,362.
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	88,500.	121,010.	71,852.			281,362.
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						197,558.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	93,395.	160,956.	106,477.	42,808.	75,284.	478,920.
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	63.	10.	23.	29.	14.	139.
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	63.	10.	23.	29.	14.	139.
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)	93,458.	160,966.	106,500.	42,837.	75,298.	479,059.

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 2013 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	41.24	%
16 Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	30.22	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2013 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	.03	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	.29	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2013. 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 - 2012. 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 ►

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Part IV

Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10, Part II, line 17a or 17b, and Part III, line 12.

Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

See attached. JFAN Annual Report

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.

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FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 4, OTHER INVESTMENT INCOME:

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

AMOUNT:

INVESTMENT INCOME

14.

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

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER REVENUE:

AMOUNT:

SPONSORSHIP INCOME

3,520.

PROGRAM ASSISTANCE FROM SUSTAINABLE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

13,000.

TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 8

16,520.

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

ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR LITIGATION

GRANTEE NAME: SAVE BATAVIA ELDON

GRANTEE RELATIONSHIP: NONE

AMOUNT GIVEN:

7,725.

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16, OTHER EXPENSES:

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER EXPENSES:

AMOUNT:

ADVERTISING

2,255.

BANK CHARGES

206.

OFFICE EXPENSE

749.

CREDIT CARD PROCESSING FEES

38.

DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS

385.

EDUCATION

400.

INSURANCE

1,916.

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Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2013)

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
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<u>TELEPHONE</u>	160.
<u>SPONSORSHIP, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT</u>	2,202.
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	74.
<u>WEB DEVELOPMENT</u>	143.
<u>COMPUTER EXPENSE</u>	3,789.
<u>TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16</u>	12,317.

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

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► File a separate application for each return.
► Information about Form 8868 and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form8868.

• 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

Enter filer's identifying number

Type or print	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions. JEFFERSON COUNTY FARMERS AND NEIGHBORS, INC.	Employer identification number (EIN) or 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)
	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 or Form 990-EZ	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 4720 (other than individual)	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, 2014, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension

is for the organization's return for:

► calendar year 2013 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 Forms 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 Forms 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 funds withdrawal (direct debit) with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.

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

Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions

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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.

4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until **NOVEMBER 15, 2014**.

5 For calendar year **2013**, 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 Forms 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	8a	\$ 0.
b If this application is for Forms 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	\$ 0.
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	\$ 0.

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 ► Denise Baldwin

Title ► CPA

Date ► **8-15-14**

Form 8868 (Rev. 1-2014)

Jefferson County Farmers & Neighbors, Inc.

2013 ANNUAL REPORT of ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Community Education - Publications

Published Spring/Summer 2013 Newsletter

Published Fall/Winter 2013 Newsletter

Updated JFAN website

www.jfaniorwa.org

Published News from Jefferson County Farmers & Neighbors, Inc.

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

- New Strategies in Opposing CAFOs, May 30, 2013
- General Update, September 19, 2013

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

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- Action Alert: Bill Would Create Loophole in Manure Management Plan, April 3, 2013
- CORRECTION: Action Alert on Senate Bill 418, April 4, 2013
- JFAN Letter on Batavia CAFO in *Fairfield Ledger*, May 20, 2013
- Update on Area CAFOs, May 23, 2013
- ACTION ALERT - Bad Farm Bill Amendment Regarding CAFOs, June 6, 2013
- Supervisors Fail New KK Finishers Master Matrix Application, June 10, 2013
- 19% vs 72%, July 9, 2013
- Branstad Interference Undermines CWA Negotiations, July 16, 2013
- Eye Opening New York Times Article on Super Bugs and CAFOs, July 19, 2013
- Three Questions Branstad Must Answer, July 26, 2013
- It's Ready!, July 30, 2013
- Some Good News - But Lots More Work to Do, August 11, 2013
- Last Day to Double Your Donation, August 15, 2013
- THANK YOU! We Made It!, August 16, 2013
- THOMAS LINZEY Next Wednesday, Sept 18 - The Rights of Nature, September 13, 2013
- DNR and EPA Sign Work Plan, September 17, 2013
- NO MORE! Coming October 16 - JFAN Annual Meeting, October 6, 2013
- TODAY Lynn Henning Interview on KRUU-FM 100.1 FM at 3:00 pm!, October 11, 2013
- Lynn Henning, Charlie Speer, Richard Middleton - JFAN Annual Meeting, October 11, 2013
- Why It's Really Important to Come to the Annual Meeting This Year, October 14, 2013
- TONIGHT! The One...The Only..., October 16, 2013
- Action Alert - Tell Harkin to Co-Sponsor Preventing Antibiotic Resistance Act, November 11, 2013
- Action Alert - Tell Congress to Oppose Secrecy for Factory Farms, November 14, 2013
- JFAN Update on Area Activities, November 27, 2013
- Happy Holidays from JFAN!, December 23, 2013

Community Education – Community Service

- Distributed *CAFO: The Tragedy of Industrial Animal Factories* to 100 individuals attending the 2013 JFAN Annual Meeting.
- Created a digital map of Jefferson County showing the location of all CAFOs and all fields receiving manure. Created a database listing all fields in Jefferson County receiving manure. Map and database at www.jfaniowa.org.
- Continued development of an outreach project to work with other counties fighting CAFOs.
- Publicized the formation of the Charlie Speer/Richard Middleton/David Sykes Iowa legal team throughout Iowa.
- Published an article in *The Iowa Source* on the new Iowa legal team of Charlie Speer, Richard Middleton, and David Sykes.
- Received a second grant of *CAFO: The Tragedy of Industrial Animal Factories* to distribute to attendees at the 2013 JFAN Annual Meeting and to community groups fighting CAFOs. The grant was received from the Tides Foundation facilitated by Watershed Media.
- Attended the Daniel Pennock Democracy School held by the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund in September 2012.
- Provided information on questions to pose to the DNR on CAFO issues as requested by Rep. Curt Hanson for preparation for a meeting with concerned citizens.
- Made a presentation at “Conservation, Climate, Energy & Environment: Iowa’s Natural Resource Priorities for the Future”, a public hearing hosted by Rep. Curt Hanson with Rep. Chuck Isenhart.
- Made a presentation on JFAN to a Maharishi University of Management Sustainable Living Department Policy class.
- Published two letters to the editor concerning Valley View Swine and one letter to the editor concerning the Jordan Morris CAFO in the *Fairfield Ledger*.
- Published a JFAN ad in the *Jefferson and Wapello County Farm & Home Plat & Directories*.
- Two board members attended “CAFO: Far from the Farm”, a conference in April 2013 at the University of Missouri at Columbia featuring JFAN’s Dr. John Ikerd as one of the main speakers. Networked with many national organizations fighting CAFOs.
- Provided information on a large-scale hog confinement in Missouri to the legal department of the Humane Society of the United States.
- Signed on to a letter by Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement to EPA Regional 7 Director Karl Brooks and DNR Director Chuck Gipps calling for the signing of the EPA/DNR work plan to enforce the Clean Water Act.
- Met with members of Boone County Farmers and Neighbors to share information about JFAN’s efforts.
- Hired an M.U.M. student intern, who is now undertaking her senior project with JFAN.
- Provided information and contacts for three MUM Sustainable Living Students who made *Beyond the Bacon*, a 30-minute documentary on CAFOs. The video can be viewed at: <http://tinyurl.com/m39zn2b>.
- Signed on to a letter to President Obama from the PEW Charitable Trusts calling for the EPA to tighten regulations on CAFOs.
- Sent e-mail to environmental groups in Iowa regarding an opportunity to sign onto a PEW Charitable Trusts letter to President Obama asking for stronger environmental regulations.
- Approached by Charity Advantage, a website development company, and provided with a free website upgrade and expansion for www.jfaniowa.org that is currently underway.
- Attended “Crash Course in Sustainable Economics” held by the Maharishi University of Management Sustainable Living Department.
- Promoted “The Rights of Nature: Making Sustainability Legal”, a presentation by Thomas Linzey of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund at the Maharishi University of Management.
- Initiated contacts and lined up groups from over a half dozen counties interested in JFAN’s upcoming training program with more outreach to follow.
- Engaged in an initial discussion with the Humane Society of the United States on how HSUS and JFAN can partner together on projects for Iowa; continue to foster relationships with several key HSUS leaders.

- Made comments at a DNR meeting in support of the adoption of the Clean Water Act work plan rules.
- Signed onto a Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement (CCI) letter to the DNR in support of the Clean Water Act work plan.
- Signed onto a Food & Water Watch letter to Senator Tom Harkin advocating his support of the Preventing Antibiotic Resistance Act (PARA), the Senate's version of the Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act (PAMTA).
- Developed a JFAN Facebook page; post news and articles 4-5 times week.
www.facebook.com/jfaniowa
- Signed onto a Pew Charitable Trusts letter to President Obama urging him to take substantive action to limit the use of antibiotics in factory farming.
- Worked with the Pew Charitable Trusts on a letter to the editor for publication in Iowa newspapers.
- Made a presentation to Fairfield's new city councilman providing background information on the local CAFO situation, how the DNR works, and JFAN's community work.
- Published an ad in the Jefferson and Wapello County Farm & Home Plat & Directories.

Alerted residents within a two-mile radius of the following CAFO activity:

- 2480-head CAFO by Dave Eichelberger on land owned by Joseph Mottet in Section 2 of Black Hawk Township (Mottet Site).
- 1200-head confinement by Jordan Morris in Section 13 of Locust Grove Township. JFAN is providing ongoing informational support to the community group opposing the confinement, and facilitated discussions between Morris and the neighbors.
 - Provided continued organizational support for neighbors fighting the Jordan Morris CAFO west of Vedic City including extensive discussions with neighbors and support in the formation of a large community group.
- 2480-head CAFO by Ryan Robertson in Section 9 of Lockridge Township (Pork Shop). Provided informational guidance to one neighbor, closely analyzing the manure management plan. The neighbor weighed his options, but decided against further action.
- 2480-head CAFO by Ryan Robertson in Section 12 of Penn Township (Pine Pork). JFAN is providing informational support to a group of neighbors opposing the CAFO.
- 2400-head CAFO by Dave Eichelberger on land owned by Curt Pacha in Section 12 of Walnut Township (Pacha Site). JFAN is providing ongoing informational support to a group of neighbors opposing the CAFO.
- Two 2480-head CAFOs proposed by Casey and Tracy Diehl in Section 2 of Buchanan Township. JFAN is in discussion with one neighbor opposed to the CAFO.
- Construction of a new confinement building for 4105 hogs and the demolition of three old buildings at the Dale Robertson CAFO in Section 15 in Penn Township (Hilltop Haven).
- Two 4960-head CAFOs by Nick, Shawn, and Jeff Adam in Wapello County just over the Jefferson County border (Valley View Swine). JFAN provided informational support to Save Batavia Eldon, made comments at a public meeting, worked with the DNR to contest several aspects of the permit, and provided Save Batavia Eldon with a financial assistance grant.
- 1200-head expansion by Ryan Robertson to KK Finishers to bring the total number of hogs at that facility up to 3680, requiring a Master Matrix application. Robertson applied to expand the application at two separate times, December 2012 and May 2013.
 - Conducted an in-depth review of a follow-up Master Matrix submitted by Ryan Robertson for KK Finishers in May 2013. Contested 105 points out of 440 at a meeting with the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors. The supervisors deducted 60 points and failed the Master Matrix, and the DNR failed the application deducting 100 points.
- 2480-head CAFO by Aaron and Matt Adam in Section 2 of Penn Township (AMA Farms).
- 2480-head confinement by Aaron and Matt Adam in Section 18 of Black Hawk Township.

Provided information and support to neighborhood groups in:

- Linn County regarding a 4160-head CAFO. The CAFO is being expanded from a 300-head operation belonging to the CAFO owner's father, and the DNR is not requiring a Master Matrix.
- Hancock County regarding three 2400-head CAFOs built within 1 mile of a neighbor's home.
- Wayne County regarding a 2460-head CAFO being built within 1/4 mile of neighbor's home.
- Davis County – made a presentation to neighbors opposing the concentration of CAFOs in their community.
- Black Hawk County regarding a 1200-head cattle confinement built less than 1/2 mile from a neighbor's home. The family is now experiencing symptoms of hydrogen sulfide poisoning.
- Elkton, South Dakota regarding a 6600-head sow operation within 1/2 mile of neighbor's home.
- Van Buren County regarding a 2480-head confinement just over the Missouri border. Referred neighbor to the Socially Responsible Agricultural Project for continued support.

Community Education – Public Events

JFAN Annual Community Meeting

"No More! How One Woman and a Team of Lawyers Are Helping Neighbors Stand Up to Factory Farms"

October 16, 2013

Fairfield Arts and Convention Center, Fairfield, IA

550+ attendees

Suggested donation: \$5

- Speakers: Dr. John Ikerd, Professor Emeritus, University of Columbia; Charlie Speer and Richard Middleton, Nationally Renowned Environmental Attorneys; Lynne Henning, Recipient of the 2010 Goldman Environmental Prize, was scheduled to speak but cancelled due to family emergency
- 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 Lynne Henning on KRUU-FM
- Radio interview with Diane Rosenberg, Executive Director, on KKFD-FM and KMCD-AM in Fairfield and on Fallons Forum in Des Moines promoting Annual Meeting
- 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
- Distributed ***CAFO: The Tragedy of Industrial Animal Factories***, free, to all attendees

FUNDRAISING

Conducted a comprehensive fundraising campaign including emails, letters, advertisements, and phone calls to generate donations from JFAN's supporters

Conducted a corporate sponsorship program in conjunction with the JFAN Annual Meeting to raise funds.

Sent out letters acknowledging JFAN donations

JFAN ADMINISTRATION

Worked with accountants and bookkeepers on 2012 taxes

Handled accounts payable and deposits

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

2013 COMMUNITY EDUCATION – EMAILS

Important Action for Iowa's Waters, January 16, 2013

Dear JFAN Supporters,

We are passing along this email from the Environmental Working Group about Iowa's Nutrient Reduction Strategy. This plan was created by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and Iowa State University. It addresses both agricultural and municipal pollution.

Many environmental groups point out that the strategy is deeply flawed. Please take a moment to read this email and, if you agree with this call to action, **please make comments about the plan by January 18** by clicking on the link below. It's easy, and there are suggested comments you can make at the end of the EWG email.

Thank you for all you do.
JFAN Board of Directors

From the Environmental Working Group:

Polluted runoff from farmland is having serious effects on Iowa's drinking water, but there is something you can do about it - today.

In November, state officials proposed a strategy for controlling pollution from crop fields, and they are now accepting public comments. Excess nitrogen and phosphorous flowing from agricultural land into Iowa's rivers and streams trigger dangerous algae blooms, endanger public health and contribute to the notorious "dead zone" in the Gulf of Mexico.

Unfortunately, the strategy proposed by the state falls far short of what Iowa needs to protect our water.

So far, very few Iowans have submitted comments. Adding your voice today will go a long way in making sure the state gets the message that we want a better strategy. It will only take a minute, so please act now.

Click here to submit your comments today. We provide suggested comments you may want to consider at the end of this message.

- The state's proposed strategy falls short in many ways:
- It relies entirely on the same voluntary approaches for agriculture that have failed to clean up Iowa's water.
- It puts the bulk of the financial burden on taxpayers, even though profitable farm businesses are responsible for the bulk of the problem.
- It fails to set any common sense standards to restrict a handful of the most polluting farming practices.
- The strategy outlines no timelines, interim goals or means of measuring annual progress toward reducing agricultural pollution.
- It includes no explanation of how the plans will be implemented, how problems will be prioritized or who will make these decisions.

We need your help right now to make sure the state puts a stronger policy in place. Will you submit a comment today?

Click here to submit your comment. Select the "Policy Considerations and Strategy" option. To make it quicker and easier, see the suggested comments at the end of this message.

Thank you for taking action. Together, we can fight for cleaner water.

Sincerely,

Ken Cook
President, Environmental Working Group

Suggested comments:

- While the state's proposed strategy recommends strict new rules for cities and industry, it falls far short in addressing agriculture's contributions to the excessive nutrients in our water.

- History shows that relying on voluntary measures is ineffective. On average, only about 30 percent of Iowa farmers participate in voluntary programs, and 40 years of relying on this approach has done little to fix the problem.
- The strategy puts the bulk of the financial burden on taxpayers and expects them to contribute toward farmers' costs at all levels.
- Despite an accompanying science assessment that outlines the well-documented effectiveness of numerous conservation practices that farm businesses can implement immediately, the state plan recommends no minimum standard of care that farmers should follow.
- The state plan lays out no timelines, interim goals or means of measuring annual progress toward cutting agricultural pollution. Specifying milestones and expected results is a key element of any effective strategy.
- The strategy fails to specify how pollution control plans will be implemented, how problems will be prioritized or who will make these decisions.

Two Important Meeting on CAFOs, January 27, 2013

Dear JFAN Supporters,

Two important public meetings are scheduled – one local and one in Des Moines – that will provide an opportunity to make your voice heard about CAFOs, environmental regulations, and the need for better factory farm oversight in Iowa.

Thank you for all you do.

JFAN Board of Directors

This Week:

Conservation, Climate, Energy & Environment:

Iowa's Natural Resource Priorities for the Future

Tell us what you think at this public hearing

Thursday, January 31, 2013 – 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Fairfield Arts & Convention Center

200 N. Main St., Fairfield

Hosted by:

Rep. Curt Hanson (D-Fairfield), Iowa House District #82

Attending:

Rep. Chuck Isenhart, Ranking Member, House Environmental Protection Committee

Invited:

State Sen. Mark Chelgren (R-Ottumwa)

State Sen. Rich Taylor (D-Mt. Pleasant)

Anyone may speak. Priority will be given to people who sign up in advance to testify. Priority will also be given to individuals speaking for a group (one individual per group). Written input will also be collected at each hearing. The hearing may be recorded for public review.

To sign up, email Bill Freeland, bill.freeland@legis.iowa.gov or call 515-281-6311.

Next Week:

Meeting with EPA Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks

Monday, February 4, 2013 – 7:00 pm

State Historical Building, Des Moines

EPA Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks will be in Des Moines on February 4 to discuss Iowa DNR's failure to enforce the Clean Water Act against concentrated animal feeding operations. He will also discuss EPA's concerns about the Nutrient Reduction Strategy that has been drafted by DNR and the Iowa Department of Agriculture.

The public meeting will be February 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the State Historical Building one block west of the State Capitol. Please come to learn about these important issues. Let Mr. Brooks know that Iowans care about clean water. And please tell your friends and neighbors to come.

If you are interested in carpooling, please email jfan@lisco.com, and we'll pass along your interest to those organizing the carpools.

Batavia CAFOs - Public Hearing Update, March 16, 2013

Update on Batavia CAFO Public Hearing

Approximately 60 people attended a Wapello County public meeting on Tuesday, March 12 to try to stop two CAFOs in that county from being built. Nick, Shawn and Jeff Adam of Valley View Swine are proposing two 4960-head CAFOs to be constructed just over the Jefferson County border. The CAFOs will significantly impact residents in the Batavia and Eldon communities as well as an important tourist destination, the American Gothic House.

Wapello County supervisors Jerry Parker, Steve Siegel and Greg Kenning read approximately 20 comments submitted prior to the meeting and an additional 20 people made comments at the meeting.

All comments, except for one, opposed the facility.

JFAN prepared a statement (see the attachment) that addressed seven problems with the CAFOs. These included issues with the manure application, the impacts on already problematic roads, and a history of the Adam family not adhering to Iowa laws with 42 violations uncovered by a Batavia resident.

Residents spoke on how the CAFOs would profoundly affect the lives of Batavia residents. Many people addressed problems they experienced with the Adam family over the years.

One of the CAFOs would be located less than 1875 feet, the minimum separation distance, from the Des Moines Baptist Primitive Church, which has been in Eldon since 1841. The pastor of the church spoke out against the CAFO.

Several JFAN members were present and made comments, as well as Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement. Both groups are working with the Batavia community to provide information and support to the neighbors.

Following the meeting, the Batavia group met to discuss further strategies. According to the lead organizer, they are determined to fight the CAFO, using all resources and means available to them.

Comments will still be accepted by the Iowa DNR until March 25. All comments should be emailed to Paul Petitti at Paul.Petitti@dnr.iow.gov or mailed to:

Iowa DNR FO #3
1900 Gateway North, Suite E17
Spencer, IA 51301
Attn: Paul Petitti

The CAFOs are proposed for just southwest of Batavia, directly affecting approximately 20 families who live within two miles of the facilities as well as many other community members who live upwind of the proposed CAFOs. Site One, located only 200 feet away from the Jefferson County line, is scheduled to be built in May, and Site 2 will follow in August.

The confinements are planned at 4960 head, just under the 5000-head threshold that would require longer separation distances. The facilities are being located in Wapello County, as Wapello has not adopted the Master Matrix.

According to the lead organizer, Nick Adam reportedly told another member of the opposition group that the Adam family has long-range plans to expand to 80,000 hogs over the next few years. Shawn Adam was noncommittal about any expansion plan at the first community meeting held on March 1.

For more information on the expansion, visit the group's website www.stopnickadam.org. A summary of their first meeting is posted on the site.

Action Alert: Bill Would Create Loophole in Manure Management Plan, April 3, 2013

Dear JFAN Supporters,

We are forwarding another important action alert this week addressing a proposed Farm Bill provision that would allow factory farm owners to conceal important information from the public. This would undermine the Freedom of Information Act's goal to create transparency and allow the public to weigh in.

Time is of the essence, so please take a moment to send a message to your elected officials if you agree with this call to action.

We are forwarding this email as part of our community education mission.

Thank you for all you do.
JFAN Board of Directors

***From the Project on Government Oversight:
Tell Congress to Oppose Secrecy for Factory Farms***

Members of a Senate and House conference committee will decide in the next 24 hours on measures in the Farm Bill that would allow potential polluters to conceal important information from the American public. We need to act quickly to make sure that these secrecy provisions do NOT become law.

Tell Your Members of Congress You Oppose Secrecy for Factory Farms!

The public has a right to know about livestock operations that affect it, including where such operations are located. This information is especially critical for people who live near or share waterways with concentrated animal feeding operations, which can literally produce rivers of animal waste. Yet, provisions in the Farm Bill shield from public disclosure even basic information about livestock operations.

We are working on Capitol Hill against these provisions but we need to make sure members of Congress know that their constituents oppose putting corporate farming interests before the public interest.

Please click the link below and then share this email with your friends and family.

[<<http://bit.ly/17TMnty>>](http://bit.ly/17TMnty)

Sincerely,
Danielle Brian
Executive Director

CORRECTION: Action Alert on Senate Bill 418, April 4, 2013

Dear JFAN Supporters,

Mistakes happen when you are tired. Today my "Jefferson County" wires got crossed, and I signed our email from the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors. That was definitely wrong! I want to clarify that this email was from JFAN. My apologies to the supervisors.

Best regards,

**Diane Rosenberg
Executive Director
Jefferson County Farmers & Neighbors, Inc. (got it right this time)**

Dear JFAN Supporters,

We are passing along this action alert from Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement to provide you with information on Senate File 418. This bill would create a loophole in manure management regulations allowing operators to store manure in abandoned confinement. Please take a moment to read and respond, if you agree with this call to action.

Thank you for all you do.

JFAN Board of Directors!

From Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement:

Dangerous bad manure loophole legislation has passed the Iowa House 83- 16. If the proposal passes the Senate and is signed into law, it would create a loophole that would allow factory farms to opt-out of inspections and public oversight by exempting their hogs and manure they produce from manure management regulations- potentially leading to manure spills and water pollution.

"Factory farms produce too much manure, and they would rather risk our water quality by dumping unregulated toxic waste into abandoned facilities than do the right thing and reduce their herd size or build

emergency manure storage on their own dime." Jim Yungclas, CCI Action member and retired ag extension officer

We knew this bad bill would pass the Republican-controlled House; that's why we've kept up the pressure in the Senate. CCI Action members like you have sent hundreds of messages to legislators, left over 100 voice messages to Senate leadership, and met with dozens of legislators.

To keep up the pressure and defeat this bad bill, we need your help today. If this legislation comes up for a vote in the Senate, it'll pass. We need Senate Majority Leader Michael Gronstal to block this bad bill. Gronstal has used the power of his office to block bad bills from being debated in the past, and we're calling on him to block floor debate and put people before profits, politics, and polluters.

Do you have 2 minutes to send a message to Senator Gronstal asking that he block this bad legislation?

You can also call Senator Gronstal at 515-281-3901.

Things at the Statehouse will move fast this week. For up-to-date information on the status of this legislation, check us out on Facebook

Thanks for all you do,

Adam Mason
State Policy Director

JFAN Letter on Batavia CAFO in Fairfield Ledger, May 20, 2013

Dear JFAN Supporters,

In case you missed it, we are sharing a letter to the editor from JFAN published in the Thursday, May 16 edition of the *Fairfield Ledger*.

Later this week, we will be sending out an update on this CAFO and other area activity.

Thank you for all you do,

JFAN Board of Directors

From the May 16, 2013 *Fairfield Ledger*
Adam family 'would be wise to stop now'

To the editor:

A host of Batavia and Eldon area residents have repeatedly asked Nick, Shawn and Jeff Adam to not build Valley View Swine because of the harmful impacts the 10,000-head CAFOs can have on their health, property values and quality of life. Yet the CAFOs are moving ahead. Shawn Adam was quoted in the April 26 *Fairfield Ledger* saying that he feels his family went "above and beyond their duties" by participating in a meeting and answering questions.

After being witness to and a participant in many of the meetings discussing the CAFOs, it's the opinion of Jefferson County Farmers & Neighbors, Inc. (JFAN) that the Adam family didn't go far enough to address the needs and concerns of the communities.

Apparently, that is also the opinion of over 70 neighbors who have sought legal counsel to help protect their health, quality of life and property values. They are currently working with local attorney and JFAN's legal counsel David Sykes who has teamed up with attorney Charlie Speer from Kansas City.

The Save Batavia and Eldon group has hope. Mr. Speer has a national reputation as the leading anti-factory farming attorney in the country. He has successfully protected many other communities like Batavia and Eldon and currently has cases in seven other states.

Of course, it would be ideal to stop CAFOs before they are built. But the nature of Iowa law makes it more conducive to start litigation once a CAFO is up and running and the damage they cause is more evident. This is an unfortunate disadvantage for both sides.

Mr. Speer has a reputation to secure very high monetary awards both in court and in private settlements. Mr. Sykes, too, has a successful history fighting CAFOs, working with JFAN since its founding and also as an independent legal counsel. It is promising and exciting to see Mr. Speer team up with Mr. Sykes in his first Iowa case.

Save Batavia and Eldon will not back down. And they shouldn't. To save a lot of unnecessary hassles for all involved, JFAN feels the Adam family would be wise to stop their CAFOs now and raise their hogs using traditional farming methods that don't create harm.

— Jim Rubis, president of Jefferson County Farmers & Neighbors Inc.

Update on Area CAFOs, May 23, 2013

UPDATES ON AREA CAFOS

- KK Finishers - update
- Valley View Swine - update
- Pork Shop – new confinement
- Hill Top Haven – change in the confinement

Great News! – KK Finishers Denied

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources denied the second attempt of CAFO owner Ryan Robertson to expand KK Finishers, a 2480-head hog confinement. The proposed 1200-head expansion north of the city of Pleasant Plain would have swelled the confinement to 3680 hogs.

This denial was a big win for Jefferson County. JFAN worked very closely with the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors to review the Master Matrix. All the supervisors, including former supervisor Steve Burgmeier while still in office, did an outstanding job handling the review.

Please see the upcoming JFAN Newsletter for details on the twists and turns of this application process

Although CAFOs Approved, Batavia and Eldon Residents Not Backing Down

The DNR approved both Valley View Swine sites in mid April even though residents mounted a fight to oppose the CAFOs. Nearly 10,000 hogs will be located in two sites in Wapello County, just across the Jefferson County border.

JFAN has been working very closely with the group, attending meetings, evaluating the application and manure management plans, and discussing many facets of the application with the DNR. No Master Matrix was involved as Wapello County traditionally does not adopt this additional regulatory tool.

Site 1 is located within 1.5 miles of downtown Batavia, and Site 2 is approximately three miles of the city of Eldon and the American Gothic House. The Des Moines River Primitive Baptist Church, which has been meeting at the site of the current church since 1841, is only a third of a mile away from Site 2.

Even though both CAFOs are going up, Batavia and Eldon residents are not giving up. Nearly 70 plaintiffs have retained local lawyer and JFAN's legal counsel David E. Sykes to pursue legal action. Mr. Sykes has teamed up with Kansas City attorney Charlie Speer, who with his legal team of Peter Bieri of Kansas City and Richard Middleton of Savannah, Georgia, are reputed to be the nation's top CAFO-fighting lawyers, achieving numerous multi-million dollar awards on behalf of their clients. This legal team is taking the case on a contingency fee basis, which means the group will only have to pay for out of pocket expenses, dramatically reducing their costs.

JFAN has also given a \$5,000 financial assistance grant to the group to help with those additional costs.

The upcoming JFAN Newsletter will have an expanded article on this CAFO situation. Read a recent JFAN Letter to the Editor in the May 16 *Fairfield Ledger* on this latest development. Learn more about how this new legal team offers hope and opportunities for Iowans in an article in the upcoming June issue of the *Iowa Source*.

Pork Shop – New Ryan Robertson CAFO

On April 1, Ryan Robertson proposed another CAFO in Lockridge Township near the intersection of Germanville Road and 171st Street. The 2480-head hog confinement falls just 20 hogs short of the 2500 threshold requiring a Master Matrix.

JFAN notified over 30 area neighbors. The confinement is just 1300 feet away from a church used by the local Amish community.

One neighbor approached JFAN and discussed the possibility of opposing the CAFO. Together, JFAN and the neighbor evaluated the manure management plan to determine any weaknesses and to identify owners of the land on which manure will be applied. The neighbor was planning to petition the landowners to not accept the manure, sometimes an effective way to discourage a CAFO. We discovered that all the land parcels were connected with Robertson's family, and in the end, the neighbor decided not to pursue any further action.

The CAFO has since been approved. *

Hill Top Haven – Dale Robertson CAFO Undergoing Revisions

Dale Robertson is revising his confinement operation, Hill Top Haven, and has applied for a permit to build a new 1500-head swine finishing building. Robertson currently has a 3550 finishing operation and a 2400-head nursery operation at the Penn Township facility.

The new configuration involves the removal of three older confinement buildings and the conversion of a nursery operation into a finishing confinement. In the end, the confinement will house 4105 head of swine finishers and no nursery hogs, bringing his overall head count lower than at present.

JFAN alerted neighbors within a two-mile area, including the residents of the city of Pleasant Plain. No one contacted JFAN to oppose the confinement change. *

** Note - JFAN does not work to oppose a proposed CAFO unless there are neighbors who object. Please feel free to forward to your friends. This article appears on JFAN's website www.jfaniowa.org. Please feel free to share on Facebook.*

ACTION ALERT - Bad Farm Bill Amendment Regarding CAFOs, June 6, 2013

Dear JFAN Supporters,

We are passing along an action alert from The Socially Responsible Agricultural Project (SRAP) about an amendment to the Farm Bill that would exempt factory farms from the Freedom of Information Act. The amendment may go for a vote as early as today.

According to SRAP, Senator Harkin is on the fence about his vote.

Please take a moment to call Senator Harkin and Senator Grassley if you agree with this call to action.

Senator Tom Harkin - 202-224-3254
Senator Chuck Grassley - 202-224-3744

We share this with you as part of our community education mission. Please feel free to pass this along to your friends and post on your Facebook page.

Thank you for all that you do.

JFAN Board of Directors

From The Socially Responsible Agricultural Project

Dear CAFO colleagues:

I just got word that the terrible Farm Bill Amendment #970 proposed by Grassley-Donnelly could go to a vote as soon as tomorrow. **The amendment would exempt factory farms from the Freedom of Information Act so that EPA would not be able to release any information about them to the public as it relates to any of their environmental regulations** (e.g., the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, CERCLA, EPCRA, etc.)

If passed, the law would have far reaching consequences for our work and would shield vital information that the public relies on to ensure our environment is protected from factory farm pollution. Just think about the implications if we were unable to obtain information about CAFOs under the Freedom of Information Act!!

Luckily Senator Ben Cardin (MD) has introduced a side-by-side amendment that will hopefully be voted on as an alternative to Senator Grassley's Amendment. It balances Freedom of Information to protect the public, but also respects information personal in nature.

More information is attached on the comparison of the Amendments and this article briefly explains the differences:

<http://www.pogo.org/blog/2013/06/senate-should-support-cardin-amendment-to-farm-bill.html>

The Grassley-Donnelly Amendment should be opposed and Senator Cardin's Amendment should be supported by folks who care about CAFO issues and want to continue to know basic information about industrial farms that affect their communities health and wellbeing.

Please call your Senator and ask him/her to support Senator Cardin's Amendment #1159 to the Farm Bill and pass this alert on to your contacts. It could be voted on soon!

Dani Diamond

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Kendra Kimbirauskas, Chief Executive Officer

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Supervisors Fail New KK Finishers Master Matrix Application, June 10, 2013

Good News Again – KK Finishers Master Matrix Fails

Immediately after we sent out our last email on KK Finishers, JFAN found out that Ryan Robertson again applied to expand his 2480-head hog confinement north of the city of Pleasant Plain by 1200 hogs.

Another Master Matrix was submitted, and JFAN analyzed the new application and manure management plan. As before, only 440 points were taken.

On Monday, June 3, the Jefferson County Supervisors met to score the Master Matrix. JFAN attended the scoring as well as a representative of Pinnacle Engineering, Mr. Robertson's engineering firm.

The supervisors did a thorough review of the application during a two-hour meeting and invited JFAN's comments throughout. JFAN found problems with seven of the questions. The supervisors agreed with JFAN on four and deducted 60 points. They failed the Master Matrix and will deny recommending the confinement to the Iowa DNR.

The DNR will make the final determination to approve or deny the facility, and JFAN will continue to follow up with the agency.

Once again, all the Jefferson County Supervisors did an excellent, detailed examination of the Master Matrix. JFAN is very appreciative of their openness to listen and seriously consider our comments.

We are sharing the article in Tuesday's *Fairfield Ledger* that provides an expanded account of the scoring process.

From the Fairfield Ledger – June 4, 2013

Confinement not up to Master Matrix

By DIANE VANCE | Jun 04, 2013

Jefferson County Board of Supervisors spent nearly two hours Monday reviewing a third application and Master Matrix submitted by Ryan Robertson within 18 months to expand his hog confinement operation at KK Finisher site near Pleasant Plain.

The supervisors, two members of Jefferson County Farmers and Neighbors Inc. and John Everly, a manure management planner and soil sampling specialist from Pinnacle in Iowa Falls representing Robertson, went through the matrix that awards points for meeting various requirements to protect the environment and safety of the neighborhood at the confinement and any fields where manure will be spread.

A total of 880 points are possible; only 50 percent, or 440, are required to have the plan approved by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

DNR's website defines the matrix: "The Master Matrix is a scoring system that can be used to evaluate the siting of permitted confinement feeding operations. Producers in counties that have adopted the matrix must meet higher standards than other permitted facilities. Before they can be approved for construction, they must earn points on the Master Matrix for choosing sites and using practices that reduce adverse impacts on the environment and the community. Producers must have 50 percent — or 440 points minimum — of the total score and at least 25 percent of the available points in each of the three subcategories of air, water and community impacts to pass the Master Matrix."

Each of the three applications from Robertson has been submitted with only the minimum matrix points taken — 440.

"Why do this?" asked Supervisor Dick Reed who has been on the board for all three reviews the past 18 months. "Each time it's with just the minimum points. It seems like it takes a lot of money to play this game."

Jim Rubis of JFAN, said submitting the bare minimum "goes along with his [Robertson's] overall sloppiness.

"He's throwing this in over and over, hoping to wear you down," said Rubis.

Any disagreements in any category Robertson has credited points in his plan, can disqualify the matrix when submitting the minimum of 440 points.

Monday, the board of supervisors unanimously agreed the plan was short 60 points from among four categories:

- Robertson took 20 points for a landscaping plan to plant trees to mitigate odor around the confinement building. The plan showed the required three rows of trees on the north and east sides of the proposed new structure, that included a required mixture of fast and slow growing trees.

In December 2012, the supervisors and JFAN questioned this same landscaping plan because it lacked details.

Everly pointed out this time, maintenance of the landscape was included.

"The plan shows three lines, it doesn't show spacing of trees," said JFAN director Diane Rosenberg. "A landscaping plan at the very basics should show placement of trees."

Without placement or spacing specifications, the number of trees proposed is not known.

- Robertson took 30 points for a proposed "formed manure storage structure." The matrix specifies "covered or uncovered impoundment used to store manure from an animal feeding operation, which has walls and a floor constructed of concrete, concrete block, wood, steel, or similar materials. Similar materials may include, but are not limited to, plastic, rubber, fiberglass, or other synthetic materials."

Materials used in a formed manure storage structure shall have the structural integrity to withstand expected internal and external load pressures. The design, operation and maintenance plan for the formed manure storage structure must be in the construction permit application and made a condition in the approved construction permit.

"The design is the same as before [December 2012], and points were denied before by the DNR," said Rosenberg.

Everly said after the last submission, he talked with a DNR engineer.

"We did re-word the plan and added more details," said Everly. "The structure is a formed structure. We tried to demonstrate that in the latest document. It's a formed structure suitable enough to handle heavy equipment [tractors] around it."

"The engineer gave us some idea of why it was previously denied, but wouldn't give us verbiage," said Everly.

Rubis reiterated Rosenberg's contention that the design had no changes.

"The last DNR letter said the matrix was in conflict with design criteria and construction of the design submitted," said Rosenberg.

Supervisor chairman Lee Dimmitt said he would need the definition of what's in conflict.

"We feel it doesn't conflict," said Everly. "The engineer didn't explain it."

Supervisor Becky Schmitz, who was not on the board at the last Robertson matrix scoring in December, noted the supervisors allowed Robertson his points for the manure storage construction.

"DNR took the points away," she said.

- An emergency plan is required to be included in the construction plan, worth 5 points, which Robertson awarded his matrix.

The last time, the plan contained no specifics, said Rosenberg.

"Now, the plan includes more specifics, but no information about how to contain or clean manure spills," said Rosenberg.

Everly said this submission provided more details.

"My concerns are there's no implementation steps," said Schmitz.

The matrix requires a site map of the confinement building, and Everly said the plan includes the map.

"But it doesn't show the location of such things as propane tanks and electrical sources," said Rubis. "Part of the process of filling out the matrix is to make operators think about handling different situations."

- Robertson took credit for 5 points on his closure plan; i.e., if KK Finishers closed down operations.

Rosenberg said the last time, the county supervisors did not count any points for the submitted closure plan.

"And there's no difference this time," she said.

Everly said a paragraph with some details was included with the current submission.

"There's methods according to DNR we'll have to follow," said Everly.

Rubis said it was a generic closure plan.

"If you didn't get points on this last time, why take points now," asked Rubis. "The only thing that's changed is the DNR will be notified prior to closure. It's a good addition, but it's the only thing changed."

Dimmitt asked what the DNR was looking for in a closure plan.

"We allowed points for this before and the DNR denied them, and nothing's changed, what are they looking for?" said Dimmitt.

Everly said previously the DNR said the closure plan lacked details.

The supervisors and JFAN discussed a few other categories, but allowed the claimed points.

"My standpoint is, submitting with minimum points and we're disagreeing with the emergency and closure plans, and questioning the presences of old wells without documentation, and the landscape plan lacks details, I think this fails," said Schmitz.

Dimmitt said he also was concerned about the conflict mentioned by DNR about manure storage design and the lack of specifications in the landscape design.

"I don't know how we can say this plan is OK when we don't know what the conflict is," said Dimmitt.

Reed said his concerns included the landscaping and absence of wells claimed in the plan around the confinement and in the fields where manure would be applied.

"I don't know how anyone can tell where there were old wells without walking the land," said Reed.

Dimmitt said he would prepare the supervisors' report for DNR and Robertson with the deduction of 60 points.

19% or 72%, July 9, 2013

There's no getting around it. We live in a state that aggressively promotes industrial agriculture. New concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) are popping up all over Iowa. Counties throughout the state – including our neighbors – are under siege.

We're fortunate in Jefferson County: We've resisted the onslaught of CAFOs much better than most. But this is not just luck. JFAN has been hard at work to make sure your quality of life, your health, your property values, and your environment are protected.

In just the last 12 months alone, JFAN has:

- Worked closely with Save Batavia and Eldon, providing organizational, informational and financial support in their fight against a 10,000-head hog confinement in Wapello County, just over the Jefferson County border. **This effort contributed to the creation of a new legal team with nationally renowned CAFO-fighting attorney Charlie Speer and JFAN's legal counsel David E. Sykes who are dedicated to fighting CAFOs in the state.**
- Analyzed and found flaws with **two** separate Master Matrix applications submitted by KK Finishers resulting in the Jefferson County Supervisors failing the Matrix each time. This was in addition to **two previous failures** because of JFAN's eagle eyes.
- Shared our experiences with key members of the US Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 office during two meetings in Des Moines addressing the DNR's inadequate oversight of factory farms. JFAN is also actively building relationships with organizations throughout the country to help strengthen our efforts here at home. Organizations like the Humane Society of the United States, Socially Responsible Agricultural Project, Pew Charitable Trusts, Watershed Media, and others.

As a result of these activities and many more, JFAN's presence continues to be a significant deterrent to CAFO growth in Jefferson County. **While other counties are experiencing expansion anywhere from 45-72%, JFAN held growth in Jefferson County to only 19%** according to the most recent USDA statistics comparing hog population between 2002 and 2010. In addition, all the new CAFOs in Jefferson County are in areas where there was no significant opposition from neighbors.

We can't do this alone. It takes significant resources to fund these efforts. It's important we partner together to keep Jefferson County from being overrun with CAFOs.

If you value enjoying your backyard, preserving the value in your home, breathing clean air, and protecting your physical health and the economic health of your community, then we ask that you please support JFAN with a tax-deductible donation today.

Donations may be made either by check or online. **Your donation goes towards keeping all our community education, CAFO monitoring, and grant programs vital and effective.** Please give as generously as you can.

Double your donation! A group of donors have generously provided a matching gift up to \$10,000 for all donations **received by August 15**. Please help us achieve – and exceed – this generous donation. It's one of the best investments you can make for you and your family.

On behalf of the JFAN Board of Directors, thank you for supporting JFAN, your "Quality of Life Protection Policy."

Sincerely yours,

Diane Rosenberg
Executive Director
Jefferson County Farmers & Neighbors, Inc.
www.jfaniowa.org

PS - Please take a moment to check out the two attachments on what it means to live near a CAFO and the experiences of several people whom JFAN has helped over the years.

Branstad Interference Undermines CWA Negotiations, July 16, 2013

Dear JFAN Supporters,

We are passing along this important update from Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement (CCI) concerning Governor Branstad's interference with the EPA's enforcement of the Clean Water Act in Iowa.

Thank you for all you do,
JFAN Board of Directors

From Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement

FOIA documents reveal Branstad interference is undermining prospects for badly needed Clean Water Act reforms

May 20 letter from Governor Branstad to Gina McCarthy, President Obama's pick to head the U.S. EPA, is a startling use of executive power on behalf of one of Iowa's most polluting industries

Des Moines, Iowa – Governor Terry Branstad and Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds have intervened directly in high-stakes Clean Water Act negotiations between the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), according to recently released documents obtained by a coalition of community and environmental groups – the Environmental Integrity Project, Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement (Iowa CCI), and the Iowa Sierra Club.

The groups say that the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) documents clearly show that one of the Branstad Administration's top priorities is to shield a polluting industry from strong and effective public oversight by undermining what could be one of the most significant reforms in years to begin cracking down on factory farm pollution and cleaning up Iowa's 628 polluted rivers, lakes, and streams.

The most revealing document in the FOIA cache is a May 20th letter from the Office of the Iowa Governor to Acting EPA Administrator Bob Perciasepe and to Gina McCarthy, President Obama's nominee to be EPA Administrator. It was signed by both Branstad and Reynolds, and demands EPA officials come to Iowa for a tour with the Governor's office and the DNR, alongside corporate ag industry leaders.

"Governor Branstad's direct involvement in negotiations between EPA and Iowa DNR may be responsible for the delay finalizing a much-needed work plan agreement to fix Iowa's failing factory farm pollution program," said Tarah Heinzen, Attorney at Environmental Integrity Project and the writer of the coalition's FOIA request. "This letter demonstrates a troubling degree of political interference with Clean Water Act enforcement in Iowa."

Wally Taylor, attorney for the Iowa Sierra Club, said, "Branstad's letter to the EPA appears to be a brazen intervention directly on behalf of big agribusiness interests like the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation to the exclusion of everyday Iowans, consumers, and other community stakeholders."

Iowa CCI members were even more blunt.

"I'm so mad I could spit," said Lori Nelson, CCI board president from Bayard, Iowa. "Governor Branstad, the Farm Bureau does not run this state. It's time to clean it up. Clean up our water, and clean up our government."

Branstad's May 20 letter specifically disputes EPA demands that Iowa factory farms large enough to require a manure management plan be inspected by DNR officials to ensure they are in compliance with the Clean Water Act. The letter also states that the Branstad Administration is opposed to EPA guidance over DNR procedures and training.

Branstad's letter rehashes standard corporate ag industry talking points while not once mentioning the water quality crisis in Iowa or the burden unregulated water pollution imposes on everyday Iowans across the state. Ratepayers in Central Iowa are currently spending \$7,000 a day since Des Moines Water Works turned on a \$3.6 million nitrate-removal system months ago after the public utility had run out of other options to deal with the pollution load coming down the Raccoon and Des Moines Rivers.

Branstad apparently went over the head of EPA Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks by sending his May 20 letter directly to top decision-makers at the EPA's national headquarters in Washington D.C. The governor also carbon-copied his May 20 letter to Iowa's entire congressional delegation. The DNR was not carbon-copied in the letter, and it is not clear what extent DNR Director Chuck Gipp knows about the governor's involvement.

EPA Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks was quick to respond to Iowa's governor. Brooks sent a reply dated May 31 to Branstad agreeing to meet with his office and industry leaders here in Iowa. However, another letter obtained by petitioners, sent from Brooks to DNR Director Gipp on March 20th, indicates that EPA's patience with Iowa decision-makers is running out and that further efforts to undermine the draft work plan agreement could jeopardize Iowa's authority to administer the Clean Water Act.

Another document in the FOIA cache is a redlined version of the EPA-DNR Work Plan Agreement, revised by the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation after a February meeting between industry groups and DNR staff. DNR sent the industry's revisions to the plan directly to EPA, but EPA's March draft rejected most of the Farm Bureau's attempts to water down the work plan.

The DNR and EPA have been negotiating this work plan agreement to bring the state of Iowa into compliance with the Clean Water Act after EPA released a scathing report on July 12, 2012 finding the DNR's factory farm enforcement program does not meet federal requirements. The July 12, 2012 EPA Report said DNR:

- Has failed to issue permits to factory farms when required,
- Does not have an adequate factory farm inspection program,
- Frequently fails to act in response to manure spills and other environmental violations,
- Does not assess adequate fines and penalties when violations occur.

The EPA report and subsequent federal action was forced by a 2007 de-delegation petition filed by the Environmental Integrity Project, Iowa CCI members, and Iowa Sierra Club and a 2011 Notice of Intent to sue the EPA for a failure to respond to the petitioners in a timely manner.

Iowa has more than 8,000 factory farms, 628 polluted waterways, and 800 documented manure spills, according to DNR records.

Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement is a group of everyday people who talk, act and get things done on issues that matter most. With thousands of members from all walks of life -- urban and rural, black and white, immigrants and lifelong Iowans -- CCI has been tackling tough issues and getting things done for more than 35 years.

Eye Opening New York Times Article on Super Bugs and CAFOs, July 19, 2013

Dear JFAN Supporters,

We are sharing a recent and important *New York Times* article by Mark Bittman on the link between antibiotic resistance and factory farms.

The upcoming JFAN newsletter, which will be out next week, also contains a special two-page section on antibiotic resistance. Please be sure to pick up a copy.

Feel free to share this with friends.

Thank you for all you do,

JFAN Board of Directors

PS - JFAN is now on Facebook! Check us out and [Like Us Here](#).

From The New York Times:
Breeding Bacteria on Factory Farms
By MARK BITTMAN

JULY 9, 2013

The story of antibiotic-resistant bacteria in farm animals is not a simple one. But here's the pitch version: Yet another study has reinforced the idea that keeping animals in confinement and feeding them antibiotics prophylactically breeds varieties of bacteria that cause disease in humans, disease that may not readily be treated by antibiotics. Since some of these bacteria can be fatal, that's a scary combination.

Antibiotic-resistant bacteria are bad enough, but now there are more kinds; they're better at warding off attack by antibiotics; and they can be transferred to humans by increasingly varied methods. The situation is demonstrably dire.

Two of the examples highlighted in a Food and Drug Administration report are that about 10 percent of all chicken breasts sold at retail are contaminated with a form of salmonella that's resistant to at least one antibiotic, and nearly half of all chicken that's sold is contaminated with antibiotic-resistant campylobacter. Some of the antibiotics in question are used to treat sick people but are also used daily in raising livestock. And it seems that these livestock, especially ones raised by contemporary industrial means, are a breeding ground for making these and other bacteria more resistant [1].

Some of this resistance comes from overuse in humans, but there's increasing evidence that resistance is being bred in animals that are a) raised in confinement and b) given antibiotics routinely. We want to know, of course, whether these bacteria move from animals to humans. Of particular concern is one called MRSA

ST398, or "livestock-associated MRSA." MRSA [2] is shorthand for Methicillin (a type of antibiotic)-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*.

MRSA is serious [3] . Maryn McKenna [4] , a journalist who specializes in these matters and the author of "Superbug," says that "MRSA is an underappreciated epidemic in the U.S. — over all, that organism causes more than 18,000 deaths and more than 365,000 hospitalizations a year — although we don't know how much of that epidemic 'livestock-associated MRSA' is responsible for."

The latest study concerning antibiotic resistance was published last week in the journal PLoS One. It looked at livestock workers in North Carolina (the nation's second biggest hog-producing state, after Iowa), including those in what the study's authors called "industrial" livestock production and those on farms where the animals were raised without antibiotics and grown on pasture. In this study, the *S. aureus* bacteria with genetic markers most closely linked to livestock were found in far greater numbers in workers on the industrial farms.

In fact, says Christopher Heaney, corresponding author of the study and assistant professor of environmental health sciences and epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, "This study shows that these livestock-associated strains are present among workers at industrial livestock operations and that these strains are resistant not just to methicillin, but to multiple antibiotics — including antibiotics that are used to treat human infections."

Because the study looked at workers and not animals on the same farms, there are gaps to fill in, as Heaney freely admits. "But everyone in our study had direct or indirect contact with livestock," he says, "and one might expect to find similar prevalence of an opportunistic pathogen like *S. aureus* that is linked with livestock in both groups.

"But we didn't see that: we saw both a higher prevalence of drug resistance — for tetracycline and multidrug resistance — in the industrial compared to the antibiotic-free group and, in the industrial group only, we saw drug-resistant strains with multiple genetic characteristics linked to livestock.

"That's remarkable; we never expected to see something so clear at the outset of the study."

A reasonable person could assume that these drug-resistant staph bacteria are coming from animals, since you generally don't find them in the non-livestock-working population in the United States.

This is another dot in a sketch that's becoming clearer. There's evidence of MRSA moving from pigs to humans in Iowa -- where pioneering research has been done by Tara Smith at the University of Iowa — and in Europe, where Jan Kluytmans, an epidemiologist at VU University Medical Center Amsterdam, has found that "approximately 40 percent of all new persons with MRSA carry the livestock-associated strain, and most are related to contact with animals. Our data on MRSA are convincing that livestock is now a huge reservoir of MRSA for humans."

The F.D.A., which is under court order to do something about the routine use of antibiotics, has come up with a lame voluntary reduction scheme -- "Guidance 213," it's called — acting as if it will save its real regulatory muscle for after this scheme flops. (Which it will — flop, that is.) Worse, *despite repeated promises* that the voluntary guidelines were imminent, they haven't issued even those. And now, "Guidance 213 is currently in the clearance process, but we cannot predict a timeline on its release," an agency spokeswoman wrote me in an e-mail. Period.

That's simply insulting. Of course, almost no one is pushing the F.D.A. to do its job. There are a handful of people in Congress; certainly some well-meaning NGOs like Pew Charitable Trusts, Natural Resources Defense Council and others; and dedicated individuals like the lawyer Bill Marler. Against them are arrayed not only Big Pharma — which is providing four times as many antibiotics to animals as it is to humans — but industrial ag, which cares only about raising animals "efficiently" and profitably.

At whose cost? Well, the answer to that question, at least, is pretty simple.

Notes:

1. Bacteria can share resistance genes with other bacteria, even in humans, even with those that have never been exposed to antibiotics or seen the inside of a farm animal.

2. I said this was not simple: There are some broad categories of MRSA: community-associated, hospital-acquired (the best-known) and livestock-associated. Each of the first two comprises dozens — or more — different strains. At the moment, ST (sequence type) 398 is the most common livestock-associated MRSA, but there are others. And there is also MDRSA — for Multi-Drug Resistant *staph aureus* — which is ultimately even scarier, because the drug resistance has spread to other important antibiotics. (Like, "Oh, we can't use

methicillin? Let's use tetracycline. Oh, that doesn't work either?" Meanwhile the patient is getting sicker and sicker.) It gets more complex but no less awful.

3. [This](#) (PDF) long anecdote is quite horrifying and the opposite of reassuring. Be prepared.

4. Here's her [blog on Wired](#) about this subject.

Three Questions Branstad Must Answer, July 26, 2013

Dear JFAN Supporters,

We are forwarding another important update from Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement about a secret meeting that took place on July 23 between Governor Branstad, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

If you would like to take action on this issue, you can also send a message to the EPA asking them to stand strong on clean water for Iowa by visiting [CCI's Action Fund Page](#).

Thank you for all you do.

JFAN Board of Directors

From Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement

Top Three Questions Branstad Must Answer About Secret Clean Water Act Meeting

EPA spokesman vaguely alludes to "various stakeholders" and "other state agencies" also attending a secret July 23 meeting in Des Moines, but public officials refuse to answer if corporate agribusiness lobbyists were also at the table

Des Moines, Iowa – Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement (Iowa CCI) members have released a list of the top three questions Iowa Governor Terry Branstad should answer about a secret meeting that took place between the governor's office, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on July 23 in Des Moines.

Branstad's office, EPA Region 7, and the DNR have all independently confirmed their own involvement, but refuse to answer additional questions about who specifically was in the meeting from those offices and agencies, and if agribusiness interests also sat in on the meeting.

EPA Region 7 spokesman Kris Lancaster told the Associated Press that other "stakeholders" and "state agencies" were also present during the July 23 meeting, but declined to comment further. Lancaster responded to a request by Iowa CCI members for clarification by writing, "Please contact the hosts." Branstad spokesman Tim Albrecht and chief of staff Jeff Boeyink have not returned phone calls and emails by Iowa CCI members asking for comment.

• Question #1 - Governor Branstad's office, the DNR, and the EPA have all independently confirmed their presence at a July 23 meeting in Des Moines. **Who specifically from each of those offices or agencies was present? Did Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds attend the meeting?**

• Question #2 – EPA spokesman Kris Lancaster told the AP that other "stakeholders" and "state agencies" were also in the July 23 Clean Water Act meeting. **Who was he referring to? Was the Iowa Department of Agriculture (IDALS) present and, if so, who from that agency sat in on the meeting?**

• Question #3 – In his May 20 letter to the EPA headquarters in Washington D.C., Governor Branstad requested a meeting in Iowa between his office, the DNR, the EPA, and "Iowa farmers, business owners, municipalities, and other stakeholders".

On May 31, EPA Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks responded to Branstad's request by writing, "I respectfully suggest that those regulated parties with the most interest in Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation Clean Water Act permitting and evaluation should be invited to this conversation."

Who were the "other stakeholders" and "regulated parties" present in the July 23 meeting? Was the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation present and, if so, who from that organization sat in on the meeting?

The Iowa DNR and U.S. EPA have been negotiating a work plan agreement to bring the state of Iowa into compliance with the Clean Water Act after EPA released a scathing report on July 12, 2012 finding the DNR's factory farm enforcement program does not meet federal requirements.

The July 12, 2012 EPA Report said DNR:

- Has failed to issue permits to factory farms when required,
- Does not have an adequate factory farm inspection program,
- Frequently fails to act in response to manure spills and other environmental violations,
- Does not assess adequate fines and penalties when violations occur.

The EPA intervention was a response to a 2007 de-delegation petition filed by Iowa CCI members, the Environmental Integrity Project, and the Iowa Sierra Club. The petition called on EPA to strip the Iowa DNR of its regulatory authority under the Clean Water Act for its failure to enforce federal law against factory farm polluters.

Iowa's water quality crisis has never appeared worse than now, with 628 polluted bodies of water, and manure and other fertilizer runoff so high that Des Moines Water Works has kept the world's most expensive nitrate removal system running non-stop for months, costing 500,000 ratepayers \$7,000 per day.

Iowa CCI is a statewide people's action group that uses community organizing to build grassroots power and win public policy that puts communities before corporations and people before profits, politics, and polluters.

It's Ready!, July 30, 2013

Dear JFAN Supporters,

The new **Spring/Summer 2013 JFAN Newsletter** is now available in many locations across Fairfield. It's a power-packed issue with many compelling articles, including a special focus on antibiotic resistance. You'll read:

- New Legal Team Brings Hope to Iowans Fighting CAFOs
- Fight Continues with Batavia and Eldon CAFOs
- Animal/Human MRSA Connection Made
- Humans Passing Drug Resistance to Wildlife
- Raw Pork Teaming with Super Bugs
- It's Not Just Pork...
- Chinese Pork Producer to Acquire Smithfield
- Legislative Update
- KK Finishers Strikes Out Again

And much more!

Find out where you can pick up a copy around town.

We're also attaching a PDF version for you to enjoy. Feel free to share this with your family and friends.

We're two weeks away from our August 15 deadline for a \$10,000 matching gift, and we're nearly halfway there! Thank you to all our generous donors who have brought us this far.

Please help us reach our goal! Your tax-deductible donation is essential in helping JFAN to protect Jefferson County's quality of life through education, community support, and limited financial assistance grants.

Donate here.

Some Good News - But Lots More Work to Do, August 11, 2013

Good News - KK Finishers - Denied!

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) denied the 1200-head expansion for KK Finishers, a hog confinement owned by Ryan Robertson north of the city of Pleasant Plain.

The Jefferson County Board of Supervisors reviewed and scored the Master Matrix application during a June 3 meeting. JFAN attended the meeting and recommended that 105 points be deducted from the application. The supervisors agreed with deducting 60 points. Since Robertson only took 440 points to begin with, the minimum for passing, the supervisors failed the Master Matrix and recommended that the DNR not approve the application.

After conducting their own independent review, the DNR deducted 100 points from the Master Matrix, bringing the final score down to 340 points. A DNR representative told JFAN that our detailed report contesting points

taken on several questions, coupled with the supervisors' comments, were useful in determining the final outcome.

This is Ryan Robertson's fourth attempt to expand KK Finishers. He has the option to appeal the application to the Environmental Protection Commission. JFAN will continue to monitor this CAFO.

CAFO Threatening West of Maharishi Vedic City

JFAN has just learned that Jordan Morris of Fairfield is planning to build a 1240-head hog confinement on Fruitwood Avenue, south of 182nd Boulevard in Locust Grove Township. Mr. Morris appears to be working with Tri Oaks Foods, a large livestock corporation that would provide the hogs and feed for the CAFO.

The confinement is too small to be recorded by the DNR (it's 10 hogs short of requiring an application for a manure management plan). JFAN learned about the proposed facility from a neighbor who was approached by Nick Biggs, a public relations representative for Tri Oaks, informing residents in the neighborhood of the construction.

The planned CAFO is within 2 miles of the western border of Maharishi Vedic City.

A letter was mailed to all neighbors within a two-mile radius on Saturday. Several neighbors, including representatives of Maharishi Vedic City, are quickly organizing to stop the CAFO and met with the Mr. Morris and Mr. Biggs on Thursday, August 8, to discuss their opposition. JFAN attended that meeting and is working closely with the group, providing informational guidance and support.

Two More CAFOs Threatening Jefferson County

Walnut Township: A resident contacted JFAN on Monday to report that land purchased by David Eichelberger from farmer Curt Pacha will be used to build a CAFO. Eichelberger, the CAFO owner, also owns Eichelberger Farms, a large livestock company that supplies hogs and feed to other CAFO owners. Since no paperwork has yet been filed, the number of hogs at this CAFO is not currently known.

According to the neighbor, the CAFO will be located on Yew Avenue between 110th and 120th Street, near the Skunk River in Section 12 of Walnut Township. Other community members are also very concerned. The neighbor plans to organize a group to oppose the CAFO, and JFAN will meet with this group once it is formed. Letters will go out to residents within 2 miles of the CAFO informing them of the facility once we have more information.

Penn Township: The DNR informed JFAN on Monday that a CAFO is being proposed by Aaron and Matt Adams to be sited on Mahogany Avenue in Penn Township, approximately ½ mile south of 110th Street (Route H17) and approximately four miles due west of East Pleasant Plain. The facility is a wean-to-finish operation* that will house 2480 hogs.

JFAN obtained the application and will be sending out letters to all neighbors within two miles of the CAFO. The Adam brothers are planning to apply manure to about one third of the city of Pleasant Plain and approximately one eighth of East Pleasant Plain.

Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement Update:

EPA Confirms Branstad Invited Corporate Ag Groups to Secret Meeting

Read an update to the JFAN's recent emails on the EPA/Branstad/Big Ag groups secret Clean Water Act meeting.

**** The Importance of Keeping JFAN Vital ****

Staying vigilant is crucial in Iowa. Until farming practices once again use sustainable methods, we in Jefferson County must constantly remain on our toes and be ready to act when a CAFO threatens.

JFAN is here when a CAFO encroaches on your neighborhood. **A tax-deductible donation to JFAN keeps JFAN strong and helps us protect you. Please make your donation today.**

There are just a few days left to double your donations. All donations received by Thursday, August 15 are doubled thanks to a \$10,000 matching gift. Please donate today!

Thank you everyone who has donated to JFAN during our 2013 fundraising drive! We're in this together!

Thank you for all you do!

* Wean-to-finish operation is where hogs are raised from when they are approximately 40 pounds to market weight.

Last Day to Double Your Donation!, August 15, 2013

If it weren't for JFAN, we would be in quite a mess right now with hog houses all around us. - Tim Simmons, Fairfield

This is your last chance to make your donation to JFAN work twice as hard - our matching \$10,000 gift ends at midnight today.

We're close to achieving our goal - ***and with your help, we'll make it.***

Your donation, large or small, plays an important role in keeping Jefferson County from becoming overrun with factory farms.

Your support helps JFAN protect the high quality of life that we enjoy in this corner of Iowa. Many Iowans in other counties can't say the same.

Please help us reach the \$10,000 matching gift during our 2013 fundraising drive with a donation to JFAN today.

All checks mailed and postmarked today, August 15, will count towards the matching gift. We also have someone on standby to pick up checks today. Please contact JFAN at 209-6600 to arrange a pick up.

Thank you everyone who has donated! Your support is deeply appreciated.

Help us protect Jefferson County by keeping JFAN strong! We're in this together.
Thank you for all you do!

THANK YOU! We Made It!, August 17, 2013

You Did It!

A huge, warm THANK YOU to everyone who helped us reach our \$10,000 fundraising goal. Thanks to your generosity, we more than met our matching gift and doubled your donations! Wow! ***Thank you one and all.***

A warm thank you also to the anonymous group of donors who contributed their generous \$10,000 matching gift during our 2013 fundraising drive.

Your donations will be put to good use, enabling JFAN to continue all the work we do to protect you, your family, and our environment from the encroachment of factory farms in our county.

We have some exciting projects that we will be sharing with you soon - all made possible by the generous grassroots support of our JFAN supporters.

It's not an easy battle to keep factory farms out of our communities, but working together, we will continue to protect and preserve the quality of life that we enjoy here in Jefferson County.

Thank you for all you do.

THOMAS LINZEY Next Wednesday, Sept 18 - The Rights of Nature, September 13, 2013

Dear JFAN Supporter,

As part of our community education mission, we are forwarding this announcement about a special presentation next week by **Thomas Linzey**, Executive Director and Chief Legal Counsel for the Community Environmental Legal Defense fund (celdf.org). **Mr. Linzey has helped hundreds of communities around the country deal with the problems of factory farming and other abuses of corporate power.**

Thank you for all you do,

JFAN Board of Directors

MUM Distinguished Lecture Series

**The Rights of Nature:
Making Sustainability Legal**

THOMAS LINZEY

**Executive Director and Chief Legal Council
Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELD.org)**

Wednesday, September 18 at 8:00 pm
Dalby Hall, Argiro Student Union, M.U.M.

Free - Everyone is welcome

Today, communities across the country are finding they don't have the right to make critical decisions for themselves, such as the right to say "no" to factory farming, "no" to smart meters and the right to say "yes" to sustainable energy and food systems.

Over the past 18 years, CELDF, funded entirely by donations, has provided free legal representation to more than 500 communities across the USA without any charges or fees in order to help citizens, towns, cities, and counties resist the abuse of corporate power as well as improperly applied state and federal regulations.

This is a new paradigm to protect nature – a paradigm based on rights.

Mr. Linzey worked with the government of Ecuador to write a new constitution, the first ever "to grant nature the inalienable right to exist, persist, maintain, and regenerate its vital cycles, structure, functions, and its processes in evolution."

Thomas will talk about his work with communities to craft new laws that change the status of their environmental resources and ecosystems from being regarded as property under the law to being recognized as rights bearing entities.

DNR and EPA Sign Work Plan, September 17, 2013

Dear JFAN Supporters,

We are happy to tell you that the Iowa DNR and the Environmental Protection Agency signed a Work Plan late last week. We are sharing information from the Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement website about the plan.

CCI has reported on the efforts of Governor Branstad and several corporate lobbying groups to weaken the work plan. But CCI, the Environmental Integrity Project, and the Iowa Sierra Club pushed back.

As part of that pushback, the three groups generated a letter signed on by over 20 organizations, including JFAN, to put pressure on the Governor and DNR. CCI attributes that letter to helping them leverage the best possible deal at a critical point in this fight, and JFAN is pleased to have contributed in some way.

There is more work to be done and much oversight by the three environmental organizations to ensure the state is in compliance, but this is an enormous step in getting Iowa's factory farms better regulated.

Thank you for all you do,

JFAN Board of Directors

From the Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement Website:

Environmental Protection Agency and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources have signed a far-reaching Clean Water Act work plan agreement that will significantly change the way the state of Iowa enforces, inspects, and permits factory farms.

You can read the final agreement and all related documents and materials on the EPA Region 7 website here.

This is a huge victory for clean water in Iowa. The workplan mandates:

- on-site inspections for all large factory farms
- on-site inspections for medium-sized factory farms if they have had a sizeable spill in the last five years, or store manure in an open pit less than 1/4 mile from a water of the U.S.
- desk surveys for all other medium-sized factory farms
- increased separation distances
- tougher enforcement, including more violations subject to fines and penalties

The work plan process was initiated by the EPA in response to a 2007 de-delegation petition filed by Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement, the Environmental Integrity Project, and the Iowa Sierra Club. The petition called on EPA to strip the Iowa DNR of its regulatory authority under the Clean Water Act for its failure to enforce federal law against factory farm polluters. The petition will remain outstanding during the five-year implementation period.

Iowa Governor Branstad and industry groups pushed for a much weaker agreement that would have only guaranteed on-site inspections for about 500 of the very largest factory farms - those with more than 2,000 beef cattle or 5,000 hogs - but the final agreement requires inspections at at least 3,200 facilities after the petitioners and 17 other organizations demanded on-site inspections for all medium-sized and large factory farms.

The thousands of inspections and assessments DNR must conduct under the new agreement are intended to identify discharging facilities that require Clean Water Act permits.

NO MORE! Coming October 16 - JFAN Annual Meeting, October 6, 2013

LYNN HENNING • CHARLIE SPEER • RICHARD MIDDLETON

NO MORE!

How One Woman and a Team of Lawyers Are Helping Neighbors Stand Up to Factory Farms

Jefferson County Farmers & Neighbors, Inc. Annual Meeting

Wednesday, October 16 • 7:30 pm
Fairfield Arts & Convention Center

This year's annual meeting is especially timely given the expansion of factory farming in Iowa.

Lynn Henning, Charlie Speer and Richard Middleton will present what Iowans can do to protect themselves from water quality degradation and the loss of quality of life caused by CAFO owners and their corporate suppliers.

LYNN HENNING is a fireball of activism and the winner of the 2010 Goldman Environmental Prize for North America. Her work has led to hundreds of fines levied against Michigan CAFOs for water quality violations and landed her in the national spotlight. She was featured in the documentary Last Call at the Oasis, appeared on Real Time with Bill Maher, and her work profiled in main stream media outlets such as Oprah's O Magazine and Martha Stewart's Whole Living Magazine.

CHARLIE SPEER and RICHARD MIDDLETON are awe-inspiring environmental litigators, protecting neighbors against loss of quality of life, and winning multi-million dollar settlements and verdicts against CAFO owners and integrators. Their wins include a \$4.5 million verdict for six Missouri neighbors against Premium Standard Farms, \$11 million verdict against Premium Standard for 15 family farmers, and a confidential settlement for 287 Missouri plaintiffs against Premium Standard Farms. They are currently representing nearly 600 plaintiffs against Smithfield Foods in a North Carolina case.

Jim Rubis, president of JFAN, will present a summary of JFAN's activities.

A Question and Answer session will follow.

Visit the [**JFAN**](#) website for more information.

TODAY Lynn Henning Interview on KRUU-FM 100.1 FM at 3:00 pm!, October 11, 2013

"Lynn Henning [is] absolutely amazing. JFAN does it again!! Wow, great, great job!"
- James Moore on his interview with Henning

Listen to James Moore's interview with CAFO activist Lynn Henning on solar-powered KRUU-FM 100.1 FM. Tune in at 3:00 pm today or [listen online](#) to Planet Erstwhile.

Missed it? Lynn's interview will be rebroadcast on Saturday at 11:00 am.

Lynn Henning, Charlie Speer and Richard Middleton

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Lynn Henning

- 2010 Goldman Environmental Prize Recipient for North America (the environmental equivalent of the Nobel Prize) for her work holding CAFOs accountable in Michigan
- Water Sentinel, Michigan Sierra Club

Charlie Speer and Richard Middleton

- Top National CAFO-Fighting Attorneys
- Winners of Multi-million Dollar Lawsuits on behalf of families hurt by factory farms

Limited Quantity Available for the first 100 people:

CAFO: The Tragedy of Industrial Animal Factories

Thanks to a new grant from Watershed Media

Come early for a special treat. Stay tuned.

More information on our [website](#)

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2010 Goldman Environmental Prize Winner for North America

CHARLIE SPEER and RICHARD MIDDLETON

Top National CAFO Fighting Attorneys - Winners of Multimillion Lawsuits and Settlements

Three environmental warriors are coming to Fairfield to share how they empower communities to stand up and defend themselves.

LYNN HENNING is a titanic force in Michigan. She doggedly monitors CAFOs throughout Michigan, driving a 125-mile circuit several times a week to take water samples. As a result, she has pushed the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to fine hundreds of CAFO operations for environmental violations and been in the national spotlight for her heroic work.

Henning will talk about her work in Michigan and how we here in Iowa can uncover pollution problems that the Iowa DNR can't monitor.

CHARLIE SPEER and RICHARD MIDDLETON consistently win multi-million dollar settlements and verdicts from large-scale livestock corporations. They recently formed a team with local attorney David E. Sykes to take on CAFOs in Iowa, giving Iowans new hope in the CAFO fight.

Speer and Middleton will speak about how their firms make CAFO owners and industrial livestock corporations accountable to the neighbors they harm through nuisance lawsuits. They will also present information on the draconian "Right to Farm" laws, which severely limit local control.

Jim Rubis, president of JFAN, will also provide a summery of JFAN's activities. A question and answer session will follow.

Why It's Really Important to Come to the Annual Meeting This Year, October 14, 2013

JFAN ANNUAL MEETING - OCTOBER 16 - 7:30 PM

We have a great meeting lined up that you won't want to miss, but your attendance at the JFAN Annual Meeting this year is more important than ever.

For several reasons, Jefferson County is seeing an increase in CAFO development. Find out what is happening and what's being done to address this.

Your attendance at JFAN's Annual Meeting tells industrial agriculture that we won't stand for CAFOs in Jefferson County. When we pack the house we send a clear message to the factory farming industry - factory farms are not welcome here!

Your attendance goes along way to help us fight CAFOs in Jefferson County.

PLUS

Come early and hear

Singer/Songwriter Humorist

JEFREY HEDQUIST

Take 1 minute to call Senator Harkin to cosponsor the bill to end the overuse of antibiotics on factory farms: 202-609-9043.

Thanks for taking action,

Matt Ohloff
Iowa-based Organizer
Food & Water Watch
mohloff(at)fwwatch(dot)org
Like JFAN on [Facebook](#)

Action Alert - Tell Congress to Oppose Secrecy for Factory Farms, November 14, 2013

Dear JFAN Supporters,

We are forwarding another important action alert this week addressing a proposed Farm Bill provision that would allow factory farm owners to conceal important information from the public. This would undermine the Freedom of Information Act's goal to create transparency and allow the public to weigh in.

Time is of the essence, so please take a moment to send a message to your elected officials if you agree with this call to action.

We are forwarding this email as part of our community education mission.

Thank you for all you do.

JFAN Board of Directors

From the Project on Government Oversight:

Tell Congress to Oppose Secrecy for Factory Farms

Members of a Senate and House conference committee will decide in the next 24 hours on measures in the Farm Bill that would allow potential polluters to conceal important information from the American public. We need to act quickly to make sure that these secrecy provisions do NOT become law.

Tell Your Members of Congress You Oppose Secrecy for Factory Farms!

The public has a right to know about livestock operations that affect it, including where such operations are located. This information is especially critical for people who live near or share waterways with concentrated animal feeding operations, which can literally produce rivers of animal waste. Yet, provisions in the Farm Bill shield from public disclosure even basic information about livestock operations.

We are working on Capitol Hill against these provisions but we need to make sure members of Congress know that their constituents oppose putting corporate farming interests before the public interest.

Please click the link below and then share this email with your friends and family.
[<<http://bit.ly/17TMnty>>](http://bit.ly/17TMnty)

Sincerely,

Danielle Brian
Executive Director

JFAN Update on Area Activities, November 27, 2013

JFAN Update on Area Activities

First Lawsuit of Speer/Middleton/Sykes Legal Team Filed

The Save Batavia Eldon lawsuit is moving forward. On November 19, attorney David E. Sykes filed a petition in the Wapello County District Court on behalf of 70 plaintiffs of Save Batavia Eldon. The group is suing Valley

View Swine and two other CAFO operators for creating and maintaining a temporary nuisance that has impacted the plaintiffs.

The 26-page complaint names Nick, Shawn and Jeff Adam of Valley View Swine, as well as Larry Hickenbottom of Tri-L Farms, Josh Hickenbottom, and Richard Warren, all CAFO owners in the Batavia and Eldon area. In addition, the supplier/integrator for all the CAFOs, Cargill Pork, is named in the lawsuit.

There are approximately 20,000 plus hogs contained in the CAFOs, with 10,000 of them located at the two Valley View Swine locations.

This is the first lawsuit to be filed by the new Iowa legal team of Charlie Speer, Richard Middleton, and David Sykes. Thirteen other groups in seven Iowa counties representing approximately 500 to 600 plaintiffs are currently under consideration by the team. Sykes is also JFAN's legal counsel.

JFAN provided extensive informational and organizational support to Save Batavia Eldon when Valley View Swine was proposed.

Coalition Sues Van Buren CAFO; HSUS Names David Sykes Iowa Counsel

A 7500-head sow operation run by Maschhoff Pork in Van Buren County that recently spilled thousands of gallons of manure into a Des Moines River tributary received a notice of intent to sue on November 21 by a coalition of community, environmental, and animal welfare organizations.

Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement (CCI) represented by the Environmental Integrity Project and the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), represented by attorney David E. Sykes, intend to file a lawsuit in the Iowa Federal District Court alleging violations of the federal Clean Water Act.

Sykes has recently been retained by HSUS as their legal counsel in Iowa to help file lawsuits against factory farms who have violated the federal Clean Water Act.

The Maschhoff CAFO experienced several spills in the past six years, yet the Iowa Department of Natural Resources did not require the confinement to obtain a Clean Water Act permit when the DNR inspected the facility in August.

Read more about the lawsuit here.

Neighbors Organizing to Fight Jordan Morris CAFO

Approximately 70 residents of Maharishi Vedic City and surrounding neighborhoods met last Wednesday, November 20 to address the Jordan Morris CAFO. Attorney David E. Sykes was invited to discuss their legal options.

A large community group, including over 100 individuals and corporate business entities, is organizing to take legal action against the confinement should nuisance issues become evident.

The confinement is nearly complete, and hogs are expected to fill the facility shortly.

JFAN has been providing significant informational support to neighbors opposing the CAFO.

Anyone living within a few miles of the CAFO interested in joining in the community group should contact Lucas Burge at FreshAir@burge.net or Chris Busch at 641-919-4290.

Letter to Editor on Morris CAFO

The *Fairfield Ledger* ran a letter to the editor from Lucas Burge on Thursday, November 21 on the Jordan Morris CAFO.

Burge, in partnership with Gary Boucherle, is transforming a 9-bedroom house one-half mile from the CAFO into an eco-tourist destination. [Read the letter here.](#)

Jeffrey will perform a selection of his blues, love songs, parodies, country, and upbeat anthems. His music has been called touching, metaphorical, introspective, witty...and 100% enjoyable. **Beginning at 7:20 pm!**

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Admission is free. A \$5 donation helps JFAN protect Jefferson County's quality of life.

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Visit the JFAN website for more information.

TONIGHT! The One...The Only..., October 16, 2013

JFAN ANNUAL MEETING!

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CHARLIE SPEER and RICHARD MIDDLETON
Nationally Renown CAFO Fighting Environmental Attorneys

***** Get an update on all area CAFOs *****

PLUS

By Popular Demand - John and Ringo are Back !

Tonight only, for every \$25 donation to JFAN, you'll receive a copy of the 1-1/2 hour *Change Begins Within* Benefit Concert DVD, thanks to a generous grant from the David Lynch Foundation. Get one DVD for every \$25 you donate.

This is a great way to support JFAN and enjoy some superb entertainment for yourself or give as gift to a friend.

Of course, **Admission is Free** to the JFAN Annual Meeting. (A \$5 donation helps JFAN protect Jefferson County's quality of life.)

Come at 7:20 to hear Jeffrey Hedquist perform!

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More information on our *NEW* website.

Like us on Facebook

Action Alert - Tell Harkin to Co-Sponsor Preventing Antibiotic Resistance Act, November 11, 2013

Dear JFAN Supporters,

We are forwarding this action alert from Food and Water Watch on the bipartisan Senate bill Preventing Antibiotic Resistance Act. JFAN reported on this piece of legislation on page 3 of our Spring/Summer 2013 newsletter. Senator Tom Harkin has been asked to cosponsor the bill, and FWW reports that he has been slow to take action.

Please take a moment to read the alert and call Senator Harkin if you agree with this call to action. JFAN is passing this along as part of our community education mission.

Thank you for all you do,
JFAN Board of Directors

Forwarded from Food and Water Watch:

Senator Harkin is not doing enough to stop the misuse of antibiotics!

Call Senator Harkin at 202-609-9043 to tell him to cosponsor this needed bill

About 80% of antibiotics used in the U.S. are used on factory farms. The more antibiotics are used, the more bacteria develop resistance, and the more they don't work when we really need them. Senator Harkin is a big decision maker on legislation that would ban the misuse of antibiotics on factory farms. That's why I've asked you to send him emails asking him to support the bill. But despite hearing from hundreds of people in Iowa, he still hasn't taken a stance. Can you take the next step? **Call Senator Harkin today to urge him to support ending the overuse of antibiotics on factory farms.** Here's how:

1 - Call this number: 202-609-9043

2 - Tell Senator Harkin's office: "As a constituent, I urge Senator Harkin to cosponsor the Preventing Antibiotics Resistance Act, S. 1256. We need urgent action from Senator Harkin on this issue."

3 - Email Matt Ohloff (see below) to let him know what his office had to say, and then forward this message to your friends and family in Iowa!

The importance of addressing this issue has been highlighted in recent weeks by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), a PBS Frontline special, and many news articles raising awareness about the possible "end of antibiotics." **Call Senator Harkin today at 202-609-9043 to support legislation to protect antibiotics.**

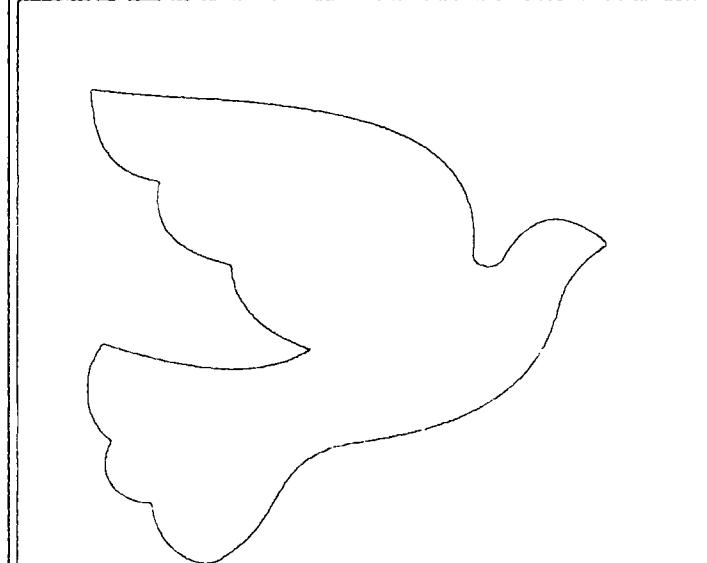
Sen. Harkin is the most influential member of the U.S. Senate when it comes to addressing antibiotic-resistant bacteria and the misuse of antibiotics on factory farms. As the chair of the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee in the U.S. Senate, Sen. Harkin must act urgently to support legislation banning the misuse of antibiotics on factory farms.

Subject: Happy Holidays from JFAN!

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From: JFAN

To: Diane Rosenberg



*Thank you for all your
support, in ways large and
small, to help JFAN protect
Jefferson County this year.*

*We wish you a joyful and
peaceful holiday season and
a CAFO-free New Year!*

*Happy Holidays!
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