

**North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality Public Notice
Issue of an State AFO Permit**

Public Notice Date: 10/30/2026

Purpose of Public Notice

The Department intends to issue the following Animal Feeding Operation AFO Permit under the authority of Section 61-28-04 of the North Dakota Century Code.

Permit Information

Public Notice Number: ND-2026-030
Site Name: Blackhawk Farms Application Date: 5/7/2026 Application Number: NDAFO0916
Applicant Name: Blackhawk Farms RE, LLP
Mailing Address: 1300 S. HWY 75, Pipestone, MN 56164
Telephone Number: (507) 825-4211
Proposed Permit Expiration Date: 11/30/2031

Facility Description

The permit application is for a proposed swine barn located 14 miles north and 7 miles east of Valley City, ND. The site is in the NW ¼ of Section 13, Township 142 N, Range 57 W, 5th Prime Meridian. The application indicates the facility would have a maximum of 8,461 head of swine, equivalent to 3,161 animal units.

Public Hearing

A public hearing has been tentatively scheduled to record oral comments regarding the proposed permit on **November 19, 2026**, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following location. If sufficient public interest is not raised and a Public Hearing is not requested by November 12, 2026, the public hearing will be cancelled.

Barnes County Courthouse
230 4th St NW
Valley City, ND 58072

Tentative Determinations

ing documentation have been reviewed by the Department. They assure that State Water Quality Standards will be protected and the system will be constructed and can be operated in compliance with the North Dakota state requirements for storage and handling of manure and wastewater for an Animal Feeding Operation.

Information Requests and Public Comments

Copies of the application, draft permit, and related documents are available for review. Comments or requests should be directed to the ND Department of Environmental Quality, Div of Water Quality, 4201 Normandy Street,

Bismarck ND 58503-1324 or by calling 701.328.5210.

All comments received by 11/30/2026 12:00:00 AM will be considered prior to finalizing the permit.

The NDDEQ will consider every request for reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility or other accommodation for people with disabilities, language interpretation for people with limited English proficiency (LEP), and translations of written material necessary to access programs and information. Language assistance services are available free of charge to you.

To request accommodations, contact NDDEQ Non-discrimination Coordinator at 701-328-5210 or deqEJ@nd.gov. TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888.

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