

# Feedlot frequently asked questions for lenders and realtors

This fact sheet is intended to help answer questions that lending agencies/realtors/other agencies may have while working with feedlot producers in Minnesota. The list of questions and answers below have been put together by collecting data from County Feedlot Officers (CFOs) and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Feedlot staff regarding recent information requests from other agencies.

## Feedlot registration:

- Does the facility need to be registered?
  - Facilities with more than 50 animal units (10 animal units in Shoreland) are required to register. For more information consult the [Feedlot Registration](#) fact sheet available at: [Registration, permits, and environmental review | Minnesota Pollution Control Agency \(state.mn.us\)](#)
- Does the facility have a current registration?
  - Use the **What's in My Neighborhood** tool available at: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/data/whats-my-neighborhood> to search for the site. After locating the site, click **More info** in the pop-up window that appears. If the site has a current registration, it will appear as **Status: Active**.
- How many animal units is the facility registered for?
  - The [Feedlots in Minnesota](#) spatial data set available at: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/data/spatial-data> has information about the number of animal units for all registered feedlots in Minnesota. The data can be viewed as a comma-separated file (viewable with most spreadsheet software) or as a shapefile that can be imported into Geographic Information System (GIS) software programs.
- How can the facility update their registration if it is not current?
  - All feedlots must use the MPCA [online feedlot registration service](#) available at: [www.pca.state.mn.us/e-services](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/e-services). For more information consult the [Getting Started with MPCA Feedlot Registration](#) guidance document available at: [Registration, permits, and environmental review | Minnesota Pollution Control Agency \(state.mn.us\)](#)

## Feedlot compliance:

- Is the facility in compliance?
  - Use the **What's in My Neighborhood** tool available at: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/data/whats-my-neighborhood> to search for the site. After locating the site, click **More info** in the pop-up window that appears. In the webpage that displays more info, click the **More Detail** dropdown menu found in the **Activity overview** tab. This will show recent inspections conducted by the MPCA at the facility. Note: CFO inspections will not appear in this list. If they have recently been inspected by the MPCA, they may have an Inspection Follow up Letter from the CFO/MPCA staff. This will indicate if the facility was compliant at the time of the inspection.

- Is the facility required to have a Manure Management Plan (MMP)?
  - If the facility has a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) or State Disposal System (SDS) permit it must have an MMP. For all other situations, consult the Land Application of Manure: Minimum State Requirements fact sheet available at: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/wq-f8-11.pdf>. Table 4, located on page 5, of the fact sheet will list those facilities that are required to have an MMP. Note: If the facility is required to have an MMP, the producer should be in possession of it, not the CFO/MPCA.
- Do they need permit coverage?
  - Consult the *Which permit do I need?* Webpage ([www.pca.state.mn.us/water/which-permit-do-i-need](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/which-permit-do-i-need)) to assist in determining if permit coverage is required. More information about specific permits and their requirements can be found on the MPCA feedlot program webpage at: [www.pca.state.mn.us/feedlots](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/feedlots).
- Do they have permit coverage?
  - Use the **What's in My Neighborhood** tool available at: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/data/whats-my-neighborhood> to search for the site. After locating the site, click **More info** in the pop-up window that appears. In the webpage that displays more info, the **Activity overview** tab will contain permitting information. If a site has a permit issued by the MPCA (CFO issued permits will not appear on the webpage), you will see the permit number listed. For NPDES and SDS permits, the permit number will always start with MNxxxxxxx or MNGxxxxxxx. CSF permit will always start with MPCA-CSFxxxxxxx. Clicking the **More Detail** dropdown menu under a listed permit will display the issuance and expiration dates.

## Feedlot zoning:

All questions related to feedlot zoning (i.e. setbacks from property lines) should be directed to the county in which the feedlot is located. Additionally, some counties have ordinances specific to feedlots, a list of [Local Ordinances for Minnesota Livestock](#) can be found on the Minnesota Department of Agriculture Siting Livestock Farms in Minnesota website: [www.mda.state.mn.us/siting-livestock-farms-minnesota](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/siting-livestock-farms-minnesota).

If you have questions that cannot be answered through these links, or have questions about the compliance status of a facility after you have completed your site inspection, contact your local County Feedlot Officer. A list of [CFO contacts](#) can be found on the MPCA feedlot program website: [www.pca.state.mn.us/feedlots](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/feedlots) If your questions are for a site in a non-delegated county or if you are working with a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) facility, NPDES, or SDS permitted facility contact the MPCA. A map of [MPCA feedlot staff contacts](#) can be found on the MPCA feedlot program website: [www.pca.state.mn.us/feedlots](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/feedlots)