

# Animal feedlot construction short-form permit

## Construction or expansion at feedlots with 300-999 animal units

The construction short-form permit (CSF permit) is issued for construction or expansion of animal feedlots and manure storage areas that will have a capacity of 300 to 999 animal units (AU) after construction or expansion.

### Do I need a CSF permit?

To determine if a CSF permit is appropriate for your facility, answer the following questions:

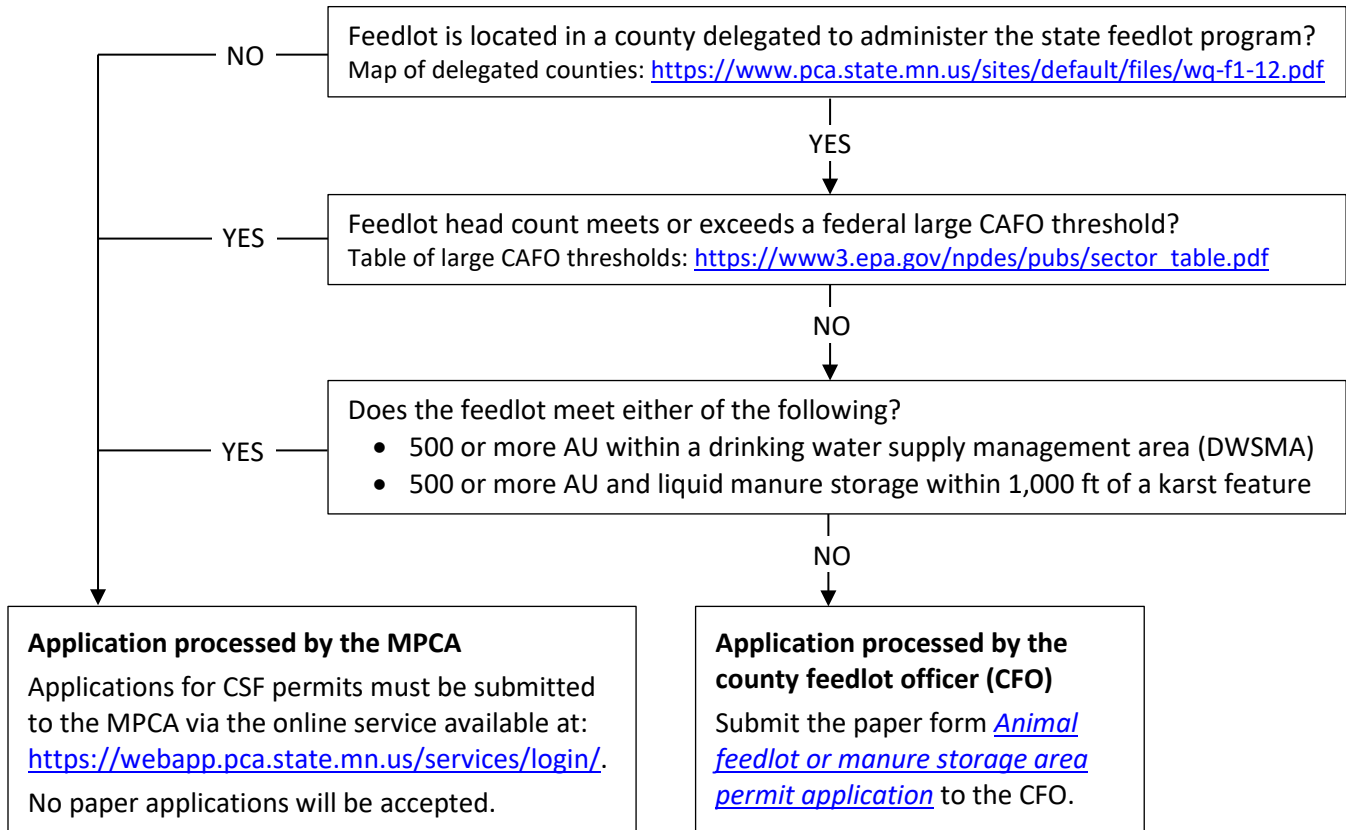
- Does the facility discharge to waters of the U.S. and exceed any of the federal [large CAFO thresholds](#)? <sup>a</sup>
- Does the facility currently or after a proposed expansion have the capacity to house 1,000 or more AU? <sup>a</sup>
- Has a part of the facility been identified as a pollution hazard by MPCA staff or the County Feedlot Officer (CFO) during a site inspection?

<sup>a</sup> The [How Many Animal Units](#) spreadsheet available on the MPCA website will help you determine the total animal units for your facility and if your facility exceeds a large CAFO threshold.

If you can answer “no” to the three questions above the CSF permit is appropriate.

### Applying for a CSF permit

- Use the flow chart below to determine how to apply for a CSF permit.



## Duration of the permit

CSF permits expire after 24 months. An extension of an additional 24 months may be requested if construction has not been completed. This extension must be requested at least 90 days prior to the expiration date of the permit. If the CSF permit expires and construction has not yet started, the owner must complete and submit a new permit application for the proposed construction.

## Construction notifications

Construction may begin after permit issuance, provided proper pre-construction notices have been given. Notice must be given three business days prior to starting construction or expansion of any of the following:

- Liquid manure storage areas (LMSA)
- Permanent manure stockpiles
- Poultry barns

Notice must also be given three business days prior to completion of construction of these same structures. For LMSAs with vertical concrete walls, the completion notice must also occur prior to backfill against the concrete walls.

For LMSAs, the owner must submit a final construction report within 60 days of the completion of construction.

## Other notifications

As part of the permit approval process, owners proposing to construct or expand capacity to 500 AU or more are required to notify all resident and owners of real property within 5,000 of the perimeter of the site. For more information on the requirements of this notice, see the fact sheet [Public notification requirements for feedlots](#). This notice must be done at least 20 business days prior to permit issuance.

## Other feedlot permits

Sites with a capacity of less than 300 AU are required to submit a [Notice of construction or expansion of an animal feedlot with less than 300 animal units](#) at least 30 days prior to construction or expansion.

Sites that exceed the large CAFO threshold may be required to obtain a national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permit. Sites with 1,000 AU or more are required to obtain a state disposal system (SDS) permit or NPDES permit. For more information on SDS and NPDES permits, see the fact sheet titled [NPDES and SDS permits for feedlots](#).

## For more information

For more information about the feedlot program, visit the MPCA website at: [www.pca.state.mn.us/feedlots](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/feedlots).



Liquid manure storage area under construction