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I oppose the CAFO rules as drafted and concur with the comments of Okanogan, Thurtson, and Yakima county farm bureaus. We need to work with those who raise livestock on a small scale providing locally sourced food. Applying CAFO standards to small operations will be devastating to local food productions and overall food security. Department of ecology must recognize the work of the voluntary stewardship programs and the local conservation districts. Instead of regulating the department of ecology needs to encourage participation in these voluntary programs, proven to protect water quality.