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We Are Citizens For Independent Rural Living, Food Production, And Sound Stewardship

Supporting Your Right

To Grow & Raise Your Own Food

Allowed? Denied! CAFO - Not CAFO?

Ecology's new proposed rules define what a CAFO is using very ambiguous language.

As such, these new proposed rules could (at Ecology's discretion) classify anyone who raises animals as operating a CAFO and be subject to complex and very costly regulations with potential harsh penalties.

WOULD YOU....

- Like Ecology AS YOUR "Landlord"?
- Enjoy Ecology DICTATING whether you can have animals or not?
- Want costly permits & inspections for the "privilege" of keeping animals?
- Be able to afford up to a \$10,000 fine PER DAY?
- Be willing to serve jail-time just for raising animals?

If your answer is NO! – Take Action NOW!

A CAFO is a CONCENTRATED Animal Feeding Operation. The program was designed for confined-feed lots with high concentrations of animals and waste.

A small CAFO is defined by ecology as anything "less than – 150 horses, 300, beef, 15– ducks or 25,00 laying hens."

If you have at least one animal – you could qualify as a small CAFO! Ecology has complete discretion determining if you are a small CAFO.

The Department of Ecology can apply CAFO requirements to small producers, home farmers, and horse owners, as if they were bad stewards.

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Dear Chelsea,

I oppose the CAFO rules as drafted and concur with the comments of Okanogan, Thurston 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 production and our overall food security.

Ecology must recognize the work of the Voluntary Stewardship Program and local conservation districts. Instead of regulating, Ecology needs to encourage participation in these voluntary programs, proven to protect water quality.

Sincerely,

Donald E Morgan