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We oppose the CAFO rules as drafted and concur with the comments of Okanogan, Thurston and Yakima County Farm Bureaus. Those of us in agriculture are the best stewards of the land and should be respected not restricted in our efforts to feed local citizens. Applying CAFO standards to small operations will continue to push small local agriculture toward extinction. Instead of regulating, Ecology needs to encourage participation in all agriculture endeavors. There are plenty of current programs that can assist everyone with protecting the watershed. Perhaps the Dept of Ecology would be better serving us taxpayers by regulating the homeless encampments and the amount of contamination they are contributing via defecating and urinating enmass on local public owned land. I think cow manure is much more organic than fentanyl.