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I oppose the CAFO as drafted and concur with the comments of the Farm Bureaus of Benton, Grant, Okanagan, Thurston and Yakima Farm Bureaus. We need to work with those who raise livestock on a small scale providing locally sourced food. This has never been more important than it is now.

Applying CAFO standards to small producers will be time consuming for you, costly for us and devastating to local food production and our overall food security.

The better solution is for the Department of Ecology to recognise the distinction between large and small scale producers and to support the work of voluntary stewardship programs and local conservations districts for small scale producers. The Department of Ecology needs to encourage participation in these voluntary programs proven to protect water quality.

Sincerely,