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Dear Chelsea,

We are homesteaders with a small flock of chickens to supply us with eggs. By no means we should, nor want to be potentially involved in any permission process. The notion that a dozen chicken harms the environment in any ways is ridiculous.

Therefore, the definition of small CAFO designation must be clarified or omitted. Applying CAFO standards to small operations, will be devastating to local food production and our overall food security.

We oppose the CAFO rules as drafted and concur with the other comments of the Benton, Grant, Okanogan, Thurston, and Yakima County Farm Bureaus.

Recently, big food producers or processors have been targeted with destruction (i.e. fire, explosions) intentionally or accidentally, showing the vulnerability of centralized big structures. We need to work with those who raise livestock on a small scale providing locally sourced food.

Sincerely,

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