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With the State Board of Health very recently revising the WAC for Domestic Animal Waste WAC 246-203-130 to regulating "domestic livestock" manure for water quality issues, there is a concern that this will be coupled with small CAFOs when County health staff pass a complaint over to DOE to manage as a small CAFO issue. It is not clear by the definitions provided whether this is indeed a possibility. Are CAFOs strictly maintained animal herds used as food animals? The fact that there is overlap between DOE, Ag, and BOH in the management of livestock manure makes it difficult for hobby farmers to understand the expectations for complying with clean water laws.