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I oppose the CAFO rules as drafted and agree 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 CATO standards to small operations will be devastating to local food production and our overall food security, not to mention a violation of individual rights. Ecology must recognize the work of the Voluntary Stewardship Program and local conservations districts. Instead of regulating, Ecology needs to encourage participation in these voluntary programs, proven to protect water quality.