

## James and Brenda Patton

Since C&H Hog Farms has been in business for over 5 years without any environmental violations whatsoever, we feel that changing the rules of their permit requirements AFTER the permit was issued is WRONG! It also sets a precedence that could damage other small businesses of any kind. Furthermore, it is vital to remember that the Animal Waste Management Field Handbook provides RECOMMENDATIONS, NOT REQUIREMENTS. Considering that out of 2,243 agriculture applications received by the ADEQ, C&H is the FIRST AND ONLY permit application to be denied, it would behoove you to allow sound science (NOT emotion) to drive decisions concerning Arkansas's environmental standards. Listen to the scientists who have spent their lives studying water-quality issues NOT the citizen vigilantes whose sole intent is to shut down this farm.

Arkansas Farm Bureau has been a consistent voice for reason and cooperation on this topic. We firmly believe these farmers, and ALL property owners, should be able to use their land in compliance with the law. This is about doing what is right for Arkansas's farmers and ranchers. Arkansas Farm Bureau supports a clean, healthy Buffalo River. Our farmers and ranchers, without exception, are the BEST caretakers of our water, soil, and air, as well as the animals they raise. Our farmers and ranchers do this to provide our country with the safest, most affordable supply of food, fiber, and shelter in the world. It is with that belief in mind that the Arkansas Farm Bureau continues to support C&H Hog Farms. Personally, the two of us sincerely hope you make the appropriate decision that will allow C&H Hog Farms to continue supplying our nation with much-needed produce.

Thank you,  
James and Brenda Patton