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First and foremost I would like to say I support C & H Hog Farm. I have lived in Newton County almost all my life, as a child my family and I would go down to the river to swim and often canoe mainly from Hasty to Carver. Often enough when the river would dry up we (my sisters and I) were not allowed to swim in the river due to the stale water being full of bacteria. I am 28 years old now and I remember all the algae blooms and moss in the river just in front of my house, which is actually the Little Buffalo River. So if I remember that from growing up then you cannot tell me that the algae blooms and moss that is in the river now is from the hog barns. If for one minute I thought that the hog barns was ruining the rivers or the land I would be against it but it's not. I also find it rather amusing that not once was there anything said or done about the hog barn that Phillip and them owned just outside of Jasper on Smith Mountain Road (NC 8800), but the minute that they move it then all of the OUT OF TOWN folks are against it. I do not agree with ADEQ trying to deny them their permit. They have been operating at Mt. Judea for 5 years following all the rules and regulations that are set for all commercial farms, but also having to exceed what is asked of everyone else by ADEQ. These families have went great lengths to make sure they are doing everything right plus more.