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Please both strengthen the regulations on the large animal feedlots (both confinement barns and open feedlots).

Note that there are alternative approaches to big lagoons and spreading manure via irrigation systems and via manure spreaders. My family has implemented a vegetative strip approach which requires a certain percent of available land that is used to pump the water portion of the feedlot runoff based on the number of cattle in the feedlot. There is no open lagoon that sits for long periods of time that then seeps into the groundwater. At our family farm in Nebraska, our well is contaminated because of 3 >5000 head cattle feedlots each within 1 mile of our farm (we are surrounded on 3 sides). Ground water is critical to everyone and groundwater protection needs to be above profit always. There is no need for the very large feedlots which pollute the air, the soil and the groundwater. I am happy to get details on the vegetative strip approach. I will need a 30-day lead time to get the information from my father.

Thank you all for focusing on protecting the earth.

Kind regards.