

# Thomas Kunkel

In the fall of 2023, several semitrucks deposited turkey litter on the neighbors field across the road. The mound was rather large and it was very odiferous. The stench dissipated after the better part of a week. I can't say for certain that the manure was from "The Turkey Store", but it is only 5 miles away. The manure sat there for the better part of two months. I even took pictures and commented about it in my final assignment project about water quality for my GIS class at Minn. State-Mankato. Finally, the farmer returned with a skid loader and a manure spreader behind his tractor. The spreading created both a dust cloud and a strong odor that again lingered for a few days. Admittedly the smell was nothing compared to when the the neighbor down the road didn't incorporate his hog manure. Now that was a strong smell. I've been told that country is supposed to stink and that I should move to town, but I'm a stubborn 72 year old German. In my opinion, most farmers around me are annoyed about manure rules. I think it would help to spread the word about what the future might hold. We haven't drank our well water for decades. I'm not worried about nitrates as much as I am about Lorsban or nitrates mixed with Roundup. I read the reports about Des Moines and the Racoon River concerning water restrictions and I can't help but think of my grandkids. Gov. Pillen of Nebraska has begun apologizing about how water was abused and overused. I don't want that to happen in Minnesota. Sincerely, Thomas Kunkel  
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