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As a biologist, fisherman, and an avid hunter, I strongly oppose this expansion. Large scale dairy farms and feedlots are notorious for contaminating downstream water bodies on a large scale, as well as leaching into the groundwater. This is a much larger footprint than the original plans anticipate. These giant corporations have no problems paying fines, and the problem does not get fixed. Instead, signs are posted warning of the contamination and people can no longer recreate and/or consume fish and waterfowl from the contaminated water bodies.

As an individual, I have friends who own small Minnesota dairy farms. It is their livelihood and has been for generations. Minnesota has already effectively eliminated many small farming operations and, unless their goal is to add small dairy operations to the list, this must not be allowed to happen.

Choose lifelong Minnesotans over Big Ag.