

# Ed Brands

Two quick points:

1) Where is the water coming from for this expansion? From the spotty aquifer beneath the existing dairy? From a "retired" water use permit from the ethanol plant in Morris? The ethanol plant still uses water from the same aquifer, but it gets the water from the city instead of directly from the wells it used. The Pomme de Terre aquifer in Morris is also the city's drinking water source. It is not clear that this aquifer can support a giant dairy operation in addition to the existing demands.

2) A roughly 20,000 cow dairy will require approximately 30 square miles of land to feed the dairy animals and to absorb their manure. Combined with the other two large dairy sites operated by Riverview in Stevens County, Riverview's operations will occupy more than 10% of the land in the county.