

## Paul Adams

We farm right next to Riverviews North Ottawa dairy and it has been a good experience. We use manure from the dairy to fertilize our corn silage ground and we have had a very positive effect on yield and have been using less commercial fertilizer as a result. Farmers here are requesting more manure than the dairy can provide every year so the demand is there.

There is very little smell when applying manure because it is directly incorporated and a cover crop is usually applied to address any erosion concerns.

The DNR has strict rules on water usage that both farmers and the dairy must follow. There is concern about the amount of water being pumped for the dairy, but my own farm has irrigation systems that can legally pump about 50 million more gallons than the dairy is requesting and that is done in probably a 2 month window, not over the course of a year.

People have to remember that 1 inch of water on one acre of land is 27,185 gallons.

Riverview has supported our local schools and fire departments and brought more jobs and residents to our small farming community. I support the dairy expansion.