

Jim Murn

I am in support of approving the Riverview LLP's proposal to expand their West River Dairy operation. As an agronomist for a farm that has worked with the Waukon Dairy in Gary, MN since its inception, I can't say enough good things about Riverview and the people that work for them.

I am confident their proposed expansion is as well thought out and environmentally sound as any of their existing facilities. You won't find a better dairy operation that cares for its cows, its employees, the environment AND its neighbors (farming or not).

In today's world, the synergy that is generated when local crop farms get together to raise feed for one of these dairy's is the best thing in the long run for all participants: The dairy gets the feed they need at a fair price, we pay for and utilize their manure for the crops we raise, we get a price for our crops that is at a premium to bringing it to town. PLUS our region gets additional residents that would otherwise not be here. And it keeps building from there. Simple economics. Just at more efficient scale to fit today's world than the original dairy and crop farms of years ago.

Adding capacity to an existing dairy in the Riverview system can only increase the potential for farms in the area to participate in the synergy and success that is the result of this animal-crop production relationship.

Sincerely,
Jim Murn