

DNR Creates New Livestock Database

In an effort to provide more government accountability and transparency, three years ago the Legislature appropriated money to the Department on Natural Resources to create a user-friendly and efficient animal feeding operation database. The department has recently announced the database is complete and available online.

The department said people can now search by owner's name, the facility identification number, or geographically. It can also be searched by watershed, county, or region. The public will be able to access information about the more than 8,000 facilities the department tracks.

The database covers primarily those operations large enough to require approval for a construction permit. It also covers mid-size and larger operations that need a manure or nutrient management plan. While the database includes information on some of the smaller facilities in the state, not all small open feedlots or confinements are tracked in this system.

Another benefit to the database is it will make it easier for producers to check and make sure information about their facility is accurate. They can also look for the month their manure management plans are due and when the last original P-Index plan was submitted to the department.

The database is at <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/animalfeedingoperations/>.

The department wants to make sure they have accurate information on the database. Producers who find an error in the information about their facility should notify their regional DNR field office.