



Livestock Facility Siting

Planning your livestock facility expansion

Working with your local government

A livestock facility expansion can involve time, money and lots of patience. It is essential that you know all the requirements your facility will need to meet before designing your facility and submitting your siting application.

As soon as you are seriously considering a livestock facility expansion, you should meet with your banker and attorney to be sure you know and understand your financial situation and legal requirements. You will also want to meet with your local government officials to inform them of your plans and to learn what the local requirements are for your expansion. If you have hired a consultant to assist with your expansion, you will want to include your consultant in the meetings with your local government officials.

Pre-expansion planning meeting

The pre-expansion planning meeting is not required, but can be very helpful to both those planning a livestock facility expansion and local government officials. The pre-expansion meeting is a good place to discuss:

- Specific local requirements, such as setbacks and zoning,
- The expansion application process and timeline
- Other relevant laws, such as construction site erosion control
- Where to find assistance completing the application
- Any DNR permit requirements (for those over 1000 Animal Units)

Who should be present at the pre-expansion planning meeting?

The planning meeting is a good opportunity to share your plans and learn about local and state requirements. It is also a good place to learn about what assistance may be available. Who is present at these meetings will vary, but here are some suggestions on people to invite:

- Town or county zoning administrator
- County Land Conservation Department
- UW-Extension Agricultural Agent
- Regional DNR agricultural runoff management specialist
- Your banker, lawyer, and project consultant.

Local officials should suggest and offer to coordinate a pre-expansion planning meeting when a livestock operator pick-up expansion application materials. If a meeting is not offered, livestock operators should request a meeting with local officials as soon as possible.

For more information, please contact the livestock siting program manager at 608-224-4613.