

**Subject: Upcoming Public Hearing – Gilbert Farms Ltd. Proposed CAFO Permit**

From: Mueller, Brittney M - DNR - To: - Cc: - Date: September 29, 2025 at 2:17 PM, Attachments: image001.png image002.png image003.png image004.png image005.png

**This email is being sent to everyone who has reached out to me so far. If I happened to miss anyone, please feel free to pass it along.**

Good afternoon,  
I hope you're enjoying the beautiful fall weather.

I'm writing to inform you that the public hearing for the proposed permit for Gilbert Farms Ltd. will be a **hybrid format**, offering both in person and virtual options, held on **Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** The in-person portion of the hearing will take place at the Door County Gala, located at 1023 Egg Harbor Rd, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235.

If you are unable to attend the hearing, written comments, or questions (via mail or email) will carry the same weight as those presented in person.

The hearing will begin with a brief presentation from me, summarizing the farm, outlining my scope of authority, and addressing several commonly raised concerns. After that, individuals will be invited to speak, with each person allowed up to three minutes.

The hearing will be recorded. Following the event, I will carefully review all verbal and written comments. Responses, along with the final decision, will be shared in a **Notice of Final Determination**, which will be emailed to all that have shown interest. Please note that, due to the volume of feedback already received (over 200 comments), it may take me a few months to carefully review and respond to everything as part of this process—especially as I continue to regulate and support the other CAFOs under my oversight.

The proposed permit remains unchanged at this time, with an effective date of October 1, 2025. Any revisions will be outlined in the Notice of Final Determination.

The permit will be on public notice from **October 4, 2025, through November 3, 2025**, published in the *Door County Advocate* and posted on the WDNR website. Please note: the WDNR no longer utilizes the *Door County Pulse* as an outlet for public notices.

As the DNR CAFO Specialist for Kewaunee and Door Counties—and as a fellow Kewaunee County resident—I'm committed to ensuring that NR 243 is applied fairly and transparently. In my experience, the vast majority of CAFOs are working hard to follow the rules and be good stewards of the land and water. My role is to support those efforts while addressing the rare instances where compliance needs improvement. I aim to build trust through open communication, transparency, and accountability, with a shared goal of keeping our land and water clean for generations to come.

**Zoom Link**

Register in advance for this webinar:

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**Regulations**

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[Wisconsin Legislature: Chapter NR 243](#)

Should you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you!  
Brittney

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