

Application Type New  
Facility Type CAFO  
Permit Type Individual

## NPDES PERMIT FACT SHEET CAFOs

Application No. PA0282073  
APS ID 631798  
Authorization ID 1543111

### Applicant and Facility Information

Applicant Name	<u>Hillside Acres</u>	Farm Name	<u>Hillside Acres Farm CAFO</u>
Applicant Address	<u>335 Dotterer Road</u> <u>Lenhartsville, PA 19534-9501</u>	Farm Address	<u>350 Dotterer Road</u> <u>Lenhartsville, PA 19534-9500</u>
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Client ID	<u>249783</u>	Site ID	<u>675289</u>
SIC Code	<u>0213</u>	Municipality	<u>Albany Township</u>
SIC Description	<u>Agriculture - Hogs</u>	County	<u>Berks</u>
Date Application Received	<u>September 22, 2025</u>	WQM Required	<u>No</u>
Date Application Accepted	<u>October 2, 2025</u>	WQM App. No.	<u>N/A</u>

Project Description Hillside Acres submitted an application for new Individual CAFO permit coverage for their existing swine operation.



Approve	Deny	Signatures	Date
x		Hans D. Shollenberger Hans D. Shollenberger / Project Manager	10/03/2025
x		Scott M Arwood Scott M. Arwood, P.E. / Environmental Engineer Manager	10/03/2025

**Description:**

Hillside Acres submitted an application for new Individual CAFO permit coverage for their existing swine CAFO operation located in Albany Township, Berks County. The operation is currently covered under General CAFO permit PAG123631 and is required to apply for Individual CAFO permit coverage due to the determination by DEP that the receiving stream for the operation (Stony Run) has an existing use of High Quality (HQ) – Cold Water Fishes (CWF).

The operation has the following animal population:

Animal Type	Number	AEUs
Gestating sow	480	216.00
Sow and litter	100	47.00
Swine grow finish: 10–28 wk.	3,090	509.85
Nursery pig: 3–10 wk.	2,000	70.00
Light Horse Mature	4	4.40
	<b>Total AEUs =</b>	<b>847.25</b>

The operation is considered a CAO for exceeding 8 AEUs while having an animal density exceeding 2 AEUs/Acre. The operation is considered a large CAFO for being a CAO exceeding 300 AEUs and for exceeding the EPA large CAFO threshold of 2,500 swine each weighing 55 pounds or more.

The nearest receiving water to the operation is Stony Run, designated as Cold Water Fishes and Migratory Fishes (CWF, MF), located in Watershed 3-B. The stream has an existing use of High Quality (HQ) – Cold Water Fishes (CWF). This stream is not impaired by Department standards.

The operation is not located in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

**Manure/Nutrient Management:**

The current NMP was approved on August 28, 2024, for crop years 2025, 2026, and 2027. There are 1.9 acres available on lands owned by the applicant for manure application according to the NMP, resulting in a density of 445.92 AEUs/acre.

**Manure Group Information:**

Manure Group	Manure Generated Annually	Manure Used on the Farm	Manure Exported (gallons or tons)
Swine Liquid	2,128,600.0 gallons	0.0	2,128,600.0 gallons
Horse (Small Quantity)	28.1 tons	0.0	28.1 tons
Horse (Small Quantity) - uncollected	22.1 tons	22.1 tons	0.0

**Exported Manure:**

Name/ Address	Amount and Source of Manure Exported per Season (gallons/ tons)			
	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Brian and Paul Bausher 1868 Krumsville Rd, Lenhartsville, PA 19534	250,000 gal swine	0	90,000 gal swine	0
Joe and Jeff Bruno 76 Hausman Road, Lenhartsville, PA 19534	100,000 gal swine	0-30,000 gal swine	50,000 gal swine	0
George Cauffman 282 Roth Rd Kempton, PA 19529	76,960 gal swine	0	0	0

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David Dietrich 9932 Stage Coach Rd, Kempton, PA 19529	142,780 gal swine	0	162,250 gal swine	0
John Dietrich 377 Dietrich Valley Rd, Kutztown, PA 19530	80,000 gal swine	0	100,000 gal swine	0
Michael Heiter 1758 Krumsville Rd, Lenhartsville, PA 19534	1,400,000 gal swine	0	600,000 gal swine	0
Jason Kalbach 9611 Tri County Rd, Kempton, PA 19529	160,000 gal swine	0	0	0
Nathan Tallman 9991 Stage Coach Rd, Kempton, PA 19529	90,000 gal swine	0	0	0
Tom Weisner 21 Bick Rd Fleetwood, PA 19522	60,000 gal swine	0	200,000 gal swine	0

The following requirements must be met when transferring manure to other persons:

**40 CFR 122.42(e)(3) - Requirements relating to transfer of manure or process wastewater to other persons.**

*Prior to transferring manure, litter, or process wastewater to other persons, Large CAFOs must provide the recipient of the manure, litter or process wastewater with the most current nutrient analysis. The analysis provided must be consistent with the requirements of 40 CFR part 412. Large CAFOs must retain for five years records of the date, recipient name and address, and approximate amount of manure, litter or process wastewater transferred to another person.*

**Winter Manure Management:**

Application of manure during the winter period is not approved in the NMP.

Manure storage facilities should have adequate freeboard on December 15<sup>th</sup> to implement the NMP. Finisher B manure storage must have a minimum freeboard of 5.8ft by December 15<sup>th</sup> of each year to implement the NMP.

**Manure Storage Facilities:**

<b>Storage</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Dimensions</b>	<b>Freeboard</b>	<b>Usable Capacity @ Freeboard</b>
<i>Name</i>	<i>Liquid or solid</i>	<i>Ft x ft</i>	<i>Minimum regulatory</i>	<i>Gallons or cubic feet</i>
Finisher A	Liquid	40ft x 171ft x 6ft	0.5 ft	281,397 gallons
Finisher B	Liquid	40ft x 300ft x 7ft	0.5 ft	583,440 gallons
G&B Pit 1	Liquid	10ft x 144ft x 8ft	0.5 ft	70,000 gallons
G&B Pit 2	Liquid	37.5ft x 210ft x 3ft	0.5 ft	153,000 gallons
F&N Pits X 4	Liquid	10ft x 45ft x 6ft each	0.5 ft	74,052 gallons
F&N Pits X 3	Liquid	5.5ft x 45ft x 8ft each	0.5 ft	41,652 gallons
F&N Pits X 10	Liquid	7.5ft x 45ft x 2ft each	0.5 ft	37,860 gallons
Old Finisher	Liquid	10ft x 256ft x 6ft	0.5 ft	105,318 gallons
Bank Barn	Liquid	8ft x 30ft x 8ft	0.5 ft	13,464 gallons

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All liquid swine manure on the operation gravity flows from various pull plug underbarn storages to manure storages Finisher A and Finisher B.

There are no proposed manure storage facilities, no plans to field stack manure, and no planned alternative manure technology practices for this operation.

**Animal Mortality:**

Mortalities are composted.

**Animal Concentration Areas (Chapter 102.4a):**

The operation does not have Animal Heavy Use Areas (AHUAs).

**Chapter 102 E&S (Conservation Plans):**

An agricultural E&S plan is not applicable to this operation, as there are no lands available for manure application and no AHUAs.

**Downstream Public Water Supplies:**

The nearest downstream public water supply intake is located 22 miles downstream on the Ontelaunee Reservoir by the Reading Area Water Authority. This facility is not expected to adversely impact any public water supplies.

**Compliance History:**

There are no open violations for this operation.

**Public Participation:**

DEP will publish notice of the receipt of the NPDES permit application and a tentative decision to issue the individual NPDES permit in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* in accordance with 25 Pa. Code § 92a.82. Upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, DEP will accept written comments from interested persons for a 30-day period (which may be extended for one additional 15-day period at DEP's discretion), which will be considered in making a final decision on the application. Any person may request or petition for a public hearing with respect to the application. A public hearing may be held if DEP determines that there is significant public interest in holding a hearing. If a hearing is held, notice of the hearing will be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* at least 30 days prior to the hearing and in at least one newspaper of general circulation within the geographical area of the discharge.