



## FEEDLOT SITING RESOURCES FOR MINNESOTA LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS - DECEMBER 2006

The purpose of this factsheet is to guide Minnesota livestock producers to some important feedlot siting resources that are available through the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Much more detailed information about local feedlot rules and regulations can be found by contacting your local planning and zoning office or County Feedlot Officer.

**1. Feedlot Permitting in Minnesota – A Checklist for Producers (2006).** This checklist is intended to help livestock producers understand and successfully navigate the permitting process for projects to modernize, expand or build a new feedlot. It contains a checklist of first steps entitled “Getting Started;” an overview of federal, state and local regulations and the feedlot permitting process. Also included is a list of contacts for more information as well as a separate worksheet for producers to use in meetings with state and local officials. Click on the following weblink for more information:

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/feedlots/permitting.htm>

**2. Interactive Website (2006).** This interactive website provides information on local ordinances regulating animal agriculture in Minnesota’s counties. The information includes the most common areas of regulation such as setbacks and separation distances, conditional use permits, feedlot size limitations and minimum acreage requirements. It also provides local contact information and links to local ordinances when available. The map provides a representation of county regulations as they exist in Spring 2006. It does not summarize the regulations or provide an assessment as to the effectiveness or appropriateness of the provisions within ordinances nor does it assert that the most commonly occurring provisions are better than others. Only county regulations are available at this time; township regulations may be added in the near future. Click on the following website for more information:

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/agdev/aodisclaimer.htm>

**3. Brochures (2006).** Below are weblinks to three new brochures and factsheets regarding the permitting process in Minnesota and how to become involved at the local level.

Getting Involved at the Local Level – A Guide For Livestock Producers

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/livestock/getting-involved.pdf>

Starting an Agricultural or Livestock Advisory Committee in Your County

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/livestock/startlvstcomm.pdf>

Siting Livestock Operations in Minnesota – Information For Livestock Producers

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/livestock/sitingforproducers.pdf>

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