

GET THE FACTS STRAIGHT ON “FACTORY FARMS IN TRENTON”

The Town of Trenton is aware of a campaign of misinformation regarding factory farms coming to the area.

Here are the facts:

- Early in 2023, the owner of a farm in Trenton approached the town requesting expansion of his farm for up to **1,800 dairy cows**.
- The DNR regulates larger farm operations like this (termed CAFOs, or Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations).
- State law requires the town to have a zoning district for this purpose.
- The town cannot deny a CAFO if the DNR approves it.
- In August, the town adopted an ordinance creating a new zoning district, AE Agricultural Enterprise, to allow livestock facility expansions as a Conditional Use.
- The farm owner petitioned to rezone four parcels of land totaling 141.34 acres, from EA Exclusive Agricultural to AE.
- **An “animal unit” is defined as 1,000 pounds. A dairy cow is approximately 1,300–1,400 pounds (1,000 animal units equals approximately 750 dairy cows).**
- The farm owner’s intention is to apply for a Conditional Use Permit to allow his existing farm to expand for **up to 2,500 animal units (about 1,800 dairy cows) on the combined total acreage of the four parcels.**
- **The information circulating insists that the farmer is asking for a 2,500 CAFO on each of the four parcels. This is false.**
- The Town of Trenton has been transparent about this entire process since it began.
- **A hearing is scheduled for Monday, October 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the Trenton Town Hall to hear comments from the public about the requested rezoning petition. The hearing notice was published twice in the Washington County Daily News to inform residents.**



