

Complaint against Nevin Bender Expansion 600 Animal Units

As a neighbor, living 1/4 mile from the feedlot, we are greatly able to smell the horrible odor from the manure, especially with a northwest wind. We have had occasions where it's been so bad, we had to turn off our heating fan, HRV, or AC because of the horrible smell. We are a family of 7, with 5 children, and should not be affected by someone else's smell and should not have to live like this. In the range of 3 km, there are about 20 other families that are also affected by this. I don't think it's a very good idea to have a feedlot in this area, where so many other families live. I myself have told Nevin several times about this and how he shouldn't store his manure at the east side of his corrals, but we've not seen any changes. He continues to put his manure at the east side of his corrals. The interests and complaints from other people in the area are not being accepted, and/or there was nothing done about the smell. From day 1 he knew that in order to have a feedlot, he needs a permit. But he did not take it seriously. Nevin himself told me that he will only have 600 feeders, whereas by now it has increased to about 3-4 times in size in the past year. The smell has also gotten a lot worse. He started off with no permit in the first place, and did not want to apply for one, even though he knew a permit was mandatory for such a large number of feeders. In the last 3 years, we've had incidents where his cattle have gotten out of his corrals and they ended up coming into our yard and garden, and also onto our pasture where they were mixed up with cattle of our own. That's not something we appreciate very much for as he could be bringing transferable diseases or other problems amongst our livestock. In my opinion, I don't think he should be getting the Expansion permit for 600 Animal Units, seeing as he's been operating his feedlot for over 3 years without a permit already. Our pledge is that you take in count our concern and deal with it in a suitable manner.

Sincerely, Family Valerius and Ina Brant

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