

Consider These Points When Selecting A Site

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authority resides at the local level where residents can, through community planning efforts, determine appropriate locations for the various land uses which need to be accommodated in the area.

Operators proposing to build facilities should check with the local municipality to determine if they have zoning or other land use ordinances that direct where animal production facilities may or may not be sited.

Local zoning requirements are developed recognizing that they need to provide designated areas to accommodate all types of land uses, including agriculture. These zoning requirements often designate appropriate areas for agricultural operations, such as large animal production facilities, to assure that they can integrate well into the existing and planned community.

Proper, well-conceived zoning ordinances can be an excellent means to minimize conflicts between agricultural producers and other land uses. Township officials and their staff can contact their state association for assistance in developing practical and effective zoning ordinances for agricultural operations.

When selecting an appropriate site for a new animal production facility, the operator should consider two broad categories of concerns. First is the appropriateness of the site itself in relation to the construction and operation of the facility. Second, is the potential affect that the proposed operation could have on the neighboring community and the region.

Not only does the operator need to determine if the characteristics of the site will accommodate the facility, but the operator

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