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June 28, 2024

Bruce Herr
6620 West 900 S-90
Warren, IN 46792

Re: **Inspection Summary Letter**
Bruce Herr
Farm ID# 6720
Wells County

Dear Mr. Herr,

On June 27, 2024, a representative of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Land Quality, conducted an inspection of the above-referenced facility. This inspection was conducted pursuant to IC 13-14-2-2. For your information, and in accordance with IC 13-14-5, a summary of the inspection is provided below:

Type of Inspection: Routine

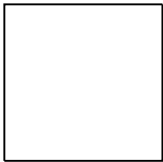
Results of Inspection: No violations were observed. (see attached inspection report).

Please direct any questions regarding this letter to Mr. Chris Lowell, 317-650-3191 or clowell@idem.in.gov.

Sincerely,

Charles P. Grady, Section Chief
Confined Feeding Operation Compliance
Office of Land Quality

Enclosure
cc: Wells County Health Department



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INSPECTION REPORT
 INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF
 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Inspector's Name:	Chris Lowell	
Others Present	Bruce Herr	Owner & Operator
	Kari Simpkins	Consultant
	Charles Grady	IDEM CFO Inspector Manager
Date:	6/27/2024	
Time In:	10:40 AM	
Time Out:	11:45 AM	

General Information

Inspection Type

Inspection Type	Routine
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Facility Information

Facility Name:	Facility Name: Bruce Herr
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Facility Location:	Street Address: 6620 W 900 S-90 City: Warren State: IN Zip Code: 46792 County: Wells
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Facility Mailing Information:	Mailing Address: same Mailing City: Mailing State: Mailing Zip Code:
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Facility Contact Information:	Contact Person: Bruce Herr Contacts Phone Number: 765-348-9160 Contact Fax Number: Contact E-mail Address:
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Owner Contact Information	Owner Name: Owner Phone Number: Owner Fax Number: Owner E-mail Address:
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Facility ID

Log Number	6720
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Animal Types

Animals Present	Layers
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Manure Management Systems

Type of Manure Management System	High Rise Layers/Deep Pit Dry Litter Storage Manure Storage Building
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Approved Structures

Number of Permitted Structures	3
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Number of Observed Structures	3
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Outstanding Issues

Last Inspection Date:	5/16/2019
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Previous Violation(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Checklist

Discharge and Spill Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Unpermitted Discharge <input type="checkbox"/> Spill Not Reported <input type="checkbox"/> Spills Not Managed	Approval and Performance Standards <input type="checkbox"/> No Valid Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Approval Condition <input type="checkbox"/> Access Denied
Operational Standards	Manure Application Activities

<input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance and Operation <input type="checkbox"/> Improper Freeboard <input type="checkbox"/> Markers Not Maintained <input type="checkbox"/> Unapproved Manure Storage <input type="checkbox"/> Self Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Earthen Berm Not Maintained <input type="checkbox"/> Removal of Accumulated Solids <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation Management System <input type="checkbox"/> Feedlot Run-Off <input type="checkbox"/> Transport & Handling <input type="checkbox"/> Mortality Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Staging <input type="checkbox"/> Run-Off <input type="checkbox"/> Ponding <input type="checkbox"/> Spray Irrigation Operation <input type="checkbox"/> Transport and Handling <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Application, Snow and Frozen Ground <input type="checkbox"/> Manure Applied from Roadway <input type="checkbox"/> Manure Applied to Erodible Soils <input type="checkbox"/> Manure Applied to Saturated Soils
Operating Record <input type="checkbox"/> Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Farmstead Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Manure Management Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Water Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan Certification <input type="checkbox"/> Certification by a Registered Professional Engineer <input type="checkbox"/> Construction Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Self Monitoring Records <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Response Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use Agreements <input type="checkbox"/> Justification of Nitrogen Losses <input type="checkbox"/> Land Application Records for 5 Years <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Land Application of Manure <input type="checkbox"/> Spill Documentation <input type="checkbox"/> Spray Irrigation Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Land Application Monitoring Activities <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing and Distribution Records for 5 Years <input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Activities on Liquid Manure Storage Facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Setback Waivers <input type="checkbox"/> Approvals	Land Application Records <input type="checkbox"/> Required Acreage for Manure Application <input type="checkbox"/> Manure and Soil Testing <input type="checkbox"/> Apply at Agronomic Rate <input type="checkbox"/> Land Application Records <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing & Distribution <input type="checkbox"/> Information Sheets
Storm Water Management <input type="checkbox"/> Applicability <input type="checkbox"/> Storm Water Management	Exiting Program <input type="checkbox"/> Decommissioning Storage Facility <input type="checkbox"/> Exiting the Program Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Closing the Operation

General Comments

This site visit was a routine inspection. The farm consists of 2 poultry barns and a manure storage building. The allowed animal capacity is 58,000 layers. There were 58,000 layers onsite during the inspection. The permit expires on 7-12-2028.

A review of the operating record requirements was completed. All operating record requirements were present and in compliance. Kari Simpkins, consultant, helped prepare the requires records.

Some manure is applied to crops but most is sold to Josh Fiechter. Bruce Herr has a fertilizer business license and a fertilizer distributor license from the State Chemist. The most recent manure samples were obtained on 2-28-2024. Soil samples were less than 4 years old. Manure application records indicated that manure was applied at appropriate agronomic rates. Marketing and distribution records were inspected and in compliance.

A visual inspection of the farm revealed that all permitted structures were in good condition. Vegetation is established and maintained. Dead animals are composted.

Description of Violations and Further Actions

The findings noted in this report do not include a compliance evaluation for the submittal of required construction notifications, construction affidavits, facility change notifications, as-built plans, waste storage structure closures, and special compliance monitoring reports or data.

Inspection Documentation	
Photograph's Taken	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Map(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
GPS Location Collected	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Field Screening Conducted	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Lab Sample		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Inspection Results/Actions		
Bio-Security	IDEM Bio-Security Policy Level 2 observed during time of inspection.	
Finalize Inspection		
Written Summary of Inspection		No violations were observed.
Inspector Information	Inspector:	Chris Lowell
	Phone Number:	(317) 650-3191
	Email Address:	clowell@idem.in.gov