

Environmental Stewardship Survey: Feeder Operations

Dear Producer,

This assessment is for livestock producers feeding calves (750 lbs. or less) in confined lots. Generally, the lots will only be used mid-September to mid-April. Areas receiving less than 20 inches of rain may use the lots year-round. This survey allows producers to voluntarily identify potential strengths and weakness of their operation based on critical area questions. This document is an informal way for you to review your own operational management strategies. If you answer “no” to any of the questions, and would like to learn more about that issue, we invite you to contact the watershed specialist for your area.

Please read the following questions carefully and check the most appropriate answers for your livestock operation. If a question does not apply, check “not applicable”.			
	YES	NO	Not Applicable
Outside the perimeter fences used to contain the cattle, is the drainage from areas such as driveways, cropland, pasture, farmstead or roofs prevented from draining through the animal confinement area?			
Do your cattle obtain drinking water from a water tank, water trough or water bowl?			
Is manure removed annually and incorporated within 24 hours?			
Is the animal confinement area sized to minimize the total volume of runoff from rainfall events?			
Do you maintain a 100-foot buffer between areas where manure or effluent is applied and creeks, streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, or natural waterways and water wells?			
Have you registered your facility with Kansas Department of Health and Environment?			
Is your confined feeding site located on land with less than 5 percent slope?			
Are your pens at least 25 feet or more above normal ground water levels and at least 100 feet from creeks, streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, or natural waterways and water wells?			
Do you manage silage such that silage effluent, liquor, or weepage does not enter surface or ground water?			
Are mortalities disposed using a legal and approved method (such as composting, burial, incineration, contract pick-up service)?			

Want to contact us? Your local watershed specialist is available to answer your questions.

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