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Lima residents say hog farm approval stinks

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LIMA, ILL. -- A new livestock operation was approved in Lima, Ill., but not all the locals are in hog heaven about the development.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture has approved the request of Adams County Farmer Daron Duke and his partner to build a large scale hog barn on their property ... even with the heavy opposition of some neighbors.



/ Katherine Tellez/KHQA Reporter

"The number one concern from the neighbors was the number of animals we were going to have there," Duke said. "We decided to scale back the operation to half of what we originally anticipated. Two thousand, four hundred and eighty head is what we currently intend on building at the site," he said.

Neighbors say this hog farm is going to affect more than just the environment.

"I'm concerned about the drastic drop in my property value. I'm also concerned about my health and the environment," Kevin Tushaus said. "I have a couple of ponds and I'm afraid the runoff from the hog factory will affect that."

Kevin Tushaus spent his life-savings building this log cabin three years ago.

It's just 3/8 of a mile away from the future hog barn.

"I can't imagine anyone wanting to buy my place at this point," Tushaus said. "Not that I want to sell it, but my life might become miserable and I won't be able to stay."

Jerry Gallamore has property just southwest of the future facility.

He said this has definitely changed his plans.

"We was going to build a house up here and I had some health problems," Gallamore said. "Thankfully I had the health problems, because now I don't think I'll build here. Would you want someone building a hog compound next to your house," he said.

Gallamore said his main concern is the waste runoff surrounding his property.

"It's going to stink, and I'm going to get all the feces and urine is going to be placed on these fields and it's going to run across my property ... all that is going to surround every bit of my property," Gallamore said.

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Duke says waste runoff isn't an issue. The waste will be injected into the soil and used as fertilizer for crops.

"We have met the requirements of the state of Illinois has set forth," Duke said. "So we know the site is to the standards, to the letter of the law and we're going to continue to move forward with the project."

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The County Boards are always going to ok these confinements no matter what! I hope someday they will go broke! I wonder how the vet in Carthage that started all this doesn't have next to his new house north of Carthage?

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