



## About the KB Dairy CAFO Permit.

### 3,480

An additional 3,480 animals will be added adjacent to a CAFO already housing 8,400 animals.

### 33M

33,000,000 million gallons of contaminated water and liquid manure will be produced each year by the proposed CAFO.

### What is the proposed CAFO project?

KB Dairy is a proposed Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) in Gratiot County. A CAFO is a factory scale farm. Currently 24 CAFOs exist in Gratiot County. KB Dairy is proposed to house 3,480 animals on the property. Adjacent DeSaegher Dairy houses approximately 8,400 total animals.

The Facility is proposed to be operated by Bram and Kelsey DeSaegher, son-and daughter-in-law of Bart and Els DeSaegher, owner and operator of adjoining DeSaegher Dairy. The property is located immediately east of the existing DeSaegher Dairy.

KB Dairy is being permitted as a new and separate facility, entirely independent of DeSaegher Dairy.

### Where does the manure go?

The proposed permit indicates 33,000,000 gallons of contaminated water and liquid manure will be produced by the facility annually.

All manure is proposed to be manifested, meaning KB Dairy will transfer the responsibility of the waste to a third party, and the waste will be disposed of elsewhere.

### How does this impact our community?

The proposed facility is located near recreational areas and tributaries of the Pine River.

Pollution from sources such as large dairy farms have been shown to increase nutrients and bacteria in surface water. These contaminants have contributed to water contact warnings and algal growth.

Increased heavy machinery traffic in areas surrounding the facility can contribute to diminished road quality.

### Make your voice heard!

Attend the virtual public hearing on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm.

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**Who:** Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

**What:** KB Dairy virtual public hearing

**Where:** Zoom, <https://bit.ly/WRD020326> or scan QR code to register

**When:** February 3, 6pm.



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