

Modified Minimum Distance Separation Formulas based on Specific Facility Modifications and Specific Management Practices

A CFFO Policy Statement

Whereas the Minimum Distance Separation formulae have accommodated many severances that now place the intensification and expansion of many farms at risk;

Whereas many farms can undertake steps to moderate the inconveniences associated with farming (odour, dust and noise) on which the formulae are based;

Therefore be it resolved

That CFFO support the expansion of existing livestock facilities by up to 25% beyond the limits established for them by the Minimum Distance Separation formulae if they undertake specific modifications of their facilities and/or adopt specific management practices that will leave the net inconvenience created by their facilities at a comparable level;

That to be eligible for this expansion option the extra livestock capacity must be within the livestock carrying capacity of the property on which the facilities are situated;

That to be eligible for this option the MDS limits should be caused by a recent (20 years) severance or a recent non-agricultural development of a severance;

That the farm community in consultation with OMAF and MOE develop a list of specific modifications and specific management practices that will reduce the inconvenience experienced by neighbours when livestock facilities are expanded (possible examples: covered storage, shelterbelts, raised vents, scheduled applications and feed additives);

That Committees of Adjustment be given the role of approving these modifications to MDS; and

That the Provincial Policy Statement under the Planning Act be amended to include this expansion option so that all municipal zoning bylaws will need to be consistent with this policy.

*Adopted by Provincial Council
Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario
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