

DATE: January 14, 2026

TO: Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors

CC: Michelle Rush, Assistant Zoning Administrator, Cerro Gordo County

FROM: Daniel Ries, Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health

SUBJECT: Manure Management Plan for Engels South

This report is to make you aware of concerns regarding a Manure Management Plan Annual Update received by this office from Engels South. This report is being submitted according to **Resolution 2003-123 A Resolution Adopting Policy for the Receipt, Review and Comment on Manure Management Plans Received by the Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors**. Within seven (7) days of receipt of the manure management plan the Environmental Service Manager shall review the plan and prepare a report to the Board of Supervisors detailing concerns to forward to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

The confinement unit is located at **10708 Zinnia Avenue, Rockford, in Section 13 of Owen Township**. The facility capacity is 4,000 finishing hogs which will produce approximately 1,022,000 gallons of manure annually. The manure will be stored in below-building pits. Manure will be applied on a total of 3,397.1 acres of which 2,013.1 acres are in Cerro Gordo County, with the remainder in Floyd County. The Cerro Gordo County application area consists of eighteen fields in Sections 1, 10, 11, 12 and 13 of Owen Township and Sections 14, 15, 23, 26, 27 and 35 of Portland Township. **This plan shows a reduction in the total acres from 3,718.9 acres to 3,397.1 acres and from 2,442.2 acres (23 fields) to 1,378 acres (eighteen fields) in Cerro Gordo County compared to the last plan submitted in 2022.** Many of these fields are also used for Engels North. The concerns listed below are based on the impact to Cerro Gordo County:

- Clay Banks Forest, Bird Hill Fossil Site, Grover's Meadows, Limestone Prairie Preserve, Shellrock River Greenbelt, and Owen Grove Cemetery are all within 1½ miles of the manure application area.
- Buffalo Run Golf Club is about one mile from the application area.
- The city of Nora Springs is about one mile from the manure application area.
- The unincorporated village of Portland is about two miles from the manure application area.
- The east city limits of Mason City are about 1½ miles from the manure application area.
- Creeks, waterways, and flood plains impact many of the fields in the plan; including the fields in Sections 23, 26, 27, and 35 of Portland Township and Sections 10, 11, and 13 of Owen Township.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (641) 421-9338 or dries@cghealth.com



DATE: January 15, 2026
TO: Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors
CC: Michelle Rush, Assistant Zoning Administrator, Cerro Gordo County
FROM: Jodi Willemsen, Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health
SUBJECT: Manure Management Plan for Bottlebrush Swine (Rusty's Site)

This report is to make you aware of concerns regarding a Manure Management Plan Update received by this office from **Bottlebrush Swine (Rusty's Site)**. This report is being submitted according to Resolution 2003-123 **A Resolution Adopting Policy for the Receipt, Review and Comment on Manure Management Plans Received by the Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors**. Within seven (7) days of receipt of the manure management plan the Environmental Service Manager shall review the Manure Management Plan and prepare a report to the Board of Supervisors detailing concerns to forward to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

The confinement unit is located at **2165 Apple Avenue, Ventura in Hancock County**. The capacity of the operation is 8,700 finishing hogs. The annual manure production of 2,857,950 gallons is stored in below building pits.

Manure will be applied on thirty (30) fields totaling 4,214.09 acres. The majority of the manure application area is in Hancock County; however, eight fields consisting of 719.18 acres are in Sections 6, 18, 19, and 30 of Union Township and Sections 30 and 31 in Clear Lake Township in Cerro Gordo County. **No new acres have been added to the plan**. According to the plan **no HEL** (highly erodible land) will be used for manure application. The concerns to forward to the Iowa DNR are listed below:

- Waterways and their respective flood plains dissect/encroach into the fields in Sections 18 and Section 19 of Union Township.
- The following Cerro Gordo County areas are in close proximity to the **Hancock County manure application fields**: un-incorporated area of Ventura Heights one mile, Ventura Marsh adjacent, the city of Ventura $\frac{1}{4}$ mile, McIntosh Woods State Park two miles and Clear Lake (lake) one mile.
- The Ventura Marsh Wildlife Management Area (dredging site) is adjacent to the manure application area in Section 30 of Clear Lake Township.
- The Union Hills Waterfowl Protection Area is about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of the manure application area.
- The Blue Wing Marsh is about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the manure application.

If you have any questions regarding this information, feel free to contact this office at (641) 421-9327 or jwillemsen@cghealth.com.