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Animal Feeding Operations

Background

During the 2002 Legislative Session, the General Assembly enacted SF 2293 (Animal Agriculture Act) that revised the procedures for permitting and regulating animal feeding operations by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The legislation created an Animal Agriculture Compliance Fund that is divided into three accounts.

The General Account includes moneys appropriated by the General Assembly and federal funds. Fees that are collected and deposited in this account include:

- Construction permit application fee. A one-time fee of $250 is required prior to constructing an animal feeding operation. The construction permit application and application fee is submitted to the DNR for approval.
- Manure management plan filing fee. A one-time fee of $250 is paid when an animal feeding operation submits the original manure management plan to the DNR for approval.

The Assessment Account includes an annual compliance fee based on the number of animal units that are detailed in the manure management plan. The maximum is 15 cents per animal unit.

The Education Account includes revenue from businesses or individuals that collect fees for transporting, handling, storing, and supplying manure. Fees include:

- Commercial Manure Service (CMS) business license. A CMS is a business, sole proprietor, or business association that transports, handles, stores, or applies manure for a fee. A CMS must be licensed and pay an annual business license fee of $200 by March 1. This annual license includes the certification fee for the business manager. A business manager also pays an annual education fee of $25.
- A Commercial Manure Service Representative (CMSR) is a manager, employee, agent, or contractor of a CMS. This person transports, handles, stores, or applies manure on behalf of the business. A CMSR pays an annual certification fee of $75 and an annual education fee of $25.
- A Confinement Site Manure Applicator is a person that applies manure on land that originates from a manure storage structure located on a confinement feeding operation site. A confinement feeding operation site has animals that are confined to roofed areas. The Confinement Site Manure Applicator pays a three-year certification fee of $100 and an annual education fee of $25.

Funding

More Information

Iowa DNR Animal Feeding Operations Rules and Regulations:
www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/LandStewardship/AnimalFeedingOperations/AFORulesRegulations.aspx
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Funds in the Animal Agriculture Compliance Fund are used to pay for the various programs regulating animal confinement operations. In addition to the fees listed, there is an annual appropriation from the Environment First Fund. The appropriation for FY 2018 was $1.3 million.

Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code section 459.400
Iowa Administrative Code 567—65