

**From:** [Bernie Brandt](#)  
**To:** [+WPG139 - TRC](#)  
**Subject:** Proposed expansion of the layer operation Manova (2012). (TRC 12-106)  
**Date:** August 12, 2024 9:13:20 AM  
**Attachments:**

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To whom it may concern:

RE: Share Your Views  
Proposed Layer Hen Operation of Manova  
(2012) Ltd. (from 47,880 to 71,000 hens - 397 to 589 Animal units)  
(TRC 12-106)  
Located at RL 29 & 30-AN-3625

We, Reimark Farms (Mark Reimer, owner) & Tiny Creek Farms Ltd. (Jan 2024 TCF land moved to 10181755 Manitoba Ltd.) (Bernie Brandt, owner) have a land Co-Farming agreement and are in support of this expansion.

We signed over the manure spreading rights to Manova. More land is available should it be needed for spreading the manure.

We own land within 1/2 mile from the proposed chicken operation expansion.

As a side note: In both of our situations the next generation is involved in operating the farm.

The manure that we get from the captioned chicken farm is used to spread onto our fields has allowed us to cut back on commercial fertilizer usage. Increases yields, and have better soil tilth. This more than off sets the substantial investment and manure application costs.

We, Tiny Creek Farms Ltd have been taking the manure from the Manova chicken layer farm for the last 25-30 years. First in liquid form and later as dry manure. We feel the Layer Farm in question is well run and is respectful to the rules and regulations put in place by the Manitoba Government.

Manure is a resource to us and has to be treated with respect

1. we perform soil tests on every field ever fall to decide on which field to spread the manure. This allows us to use the manure in the most efferently using soundd

agronomically practices

- we rotate the fields we spread on: we spread manure on each field approximately every 3 years - as per soil tests & after lots of discussions with our senior agronomists from Richardsons in Landmark

- we till the fields as soon as possible after the manure is spread (normally within 24 hours) - to conserve the nutrients and to be sensitive to the neighbors

2. We have bought a truck mounted manure spreader (enclosed picture)
  - the manure spreader has spreading spinners that spreads the manure very evenly
  - we use a GPS on the truck to eliminate overlap
  - allows us to get to the fields and spread the manure quicker and more efficiently
  - electrically operated manure spreader box tarp for the short haul from the manure shed to field
  - we take the shortest/most direct route to the field with the fewest residents
  - in so doing we try to avoid any poultry operations in-route
3. We acquired a Telehandler to load the truck (enclosed picture #2)
  - the telehandler has a 2.3 cu yard bucket which allows us to load the manure spreader outside the manure shed efficiently keeping biosecurity in mind
4. The staff that have been/ & are loading/hauling/spreading the manure have 10 years of experience and understand the process & the above mentioned protocol.

We trust that the above information will help you to make your decisions. Should you have questions or want to further discuss the above you are free to call Bernie @ [REDACTED] or Mark @ [REDACTED].

Respectfully:

Bernie Brandt P.Ag. (1980)  
Farmed from 1971 - 2024      Crops, Feeder Hogs, Broiler Chicken

Mark Reimer  
Farmed from 1977 - 2024      Crops, Hogs, Farrow-to Finish

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My name is Les Schewe, my wife [REDACTED] and I live 2 miles directly south of the proposed addition. I am also the Provincial appointee to the Seine Rat Roseau Watershed board. According to data collected by the Lake Winnipeg Foundation the Seine River and the Seine River Diversion is a leading agricultural hotspot for phosphates going into Lake Winnipeg. The following are our concerns and comments.

1. Has Manova completed an Environmental Farm Plan?
2. Has Manova demonstrated that they have met the Province's rules and regulations for manure application?
3. Does Manova have a compost plan to dispose of manure and birds that would be considered a BMP?
4. Does Manova have the land base to exceed the minimum requirements set by the Province for the disposal of manure?
5. Does Manova have a plan for containing waste and contaminants in the event of overland flooding?
6. Prevailing winds blow toward the town of Ste Anne and other populations, is there a plan to mitigate offensive odors?
7. Recommend Monova work with Seine Rat Roseau River Watershed District to identify and implement environmentally beneficial projects and practices.

Viewing from the outside Monova appears to be a very modern and well run operation but the question remains is bigger better when it comes to the environment.

Les Schewe