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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

DR. TIM BORING
DIRECTOR

August 26, 2025

Mr. Mark Jacobs
6375 Willard Road
Birch Run, MI 48415

Dear Mr. Jacobs:


On August 19, 2025, I met with you to discuss manure management practices at your beef operation in Genesee County. This meeting was prompted by a complaint received through the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), Right to Farm Program concerning manure runoff.

During our meeting, there was evidence that water moved out of your pasture, I could not find evidence of manure movement off your property as alleged. I was unable to confirm movement of manure on to adjacent properties. Based on this review and the information provided, MDARD will classify this complaint as not verified and the file will be closed.

This complaint response did not determine conformance with all the Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices (GAAMPs) that may apply to your operation. Only the GAAMPs relevant to the complaint were reviewed at this time. For full determination of your farm operation's conformance with GAAMPs, please contact the Right to Farm office at 877-632-1783.

If you have any questions, contact the Right to Farm Program office at 517-284-5619 or me at 586-206-2862 or KelpinskiJ@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,


Joe Kelpinski, Right to Farm Inspector
Conservation and Stewardship

cc: Genesee County Clerk
Vienna Charter Township Clerk