

# Why We Need a CAFO Moratorium

*The numbers tell a story...*



- 22.4 million hogs at any one time in 13,000 factory farms throughout the state <sup>1</sup>
- 22 billion gallons of toxic raw hog sewage spread each year <sup>2</sup>
- 750 waterbody impairments <sup>3</sup>
- 800 reported manure spills between 1996 – 2012 <sup>4</sup>
- 185 beach warnings from 2006 – 2016 with a record-breaking 37 beach advisories last year <sup>5</sup>
- 4.46 million fish killed from animal waste between 1995 – 2016 <sup>6</sup>
- 45,700 – How many CAFOs Iowa farmland can support <sup>1</sup>

**“We...feel the CAFO industry is getting out of control.”**  
*Webster County Supervisors in a letter to the State Legislature*

## ***And Everyone Should Count in Diverse Jefferson County:***

- 16,810 people live in Jefferson County <sup>7</sup>
- 12.4% residents work in agriculture and ag-related industries <sup>8</sup>
- 2.9% employed in livestock production <sup>8</sup>
- 87.6% of Jefferson County residents are employed in a wide range of other businesses and industries

**Jefferson County Supervisors:  
IF 9 COUNTIES CAN PASS A  
MORATORIUM RESOLUTION,  
WHY NOT JEFFERSON COUNTY?**

## ***For the well-being of future generations counting on us:***

- **SIGN OUR PETITION:** <http://bit.ly/2qkmTjm>
- **TAKE ACTION:** [jfaniowa.org/moratorium\\_resolution1.aspx](http://jfaniowa.org/moratorium_resolution1.aspx)

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