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At the present time Cool Spring Farms are in the process in expanding their 575 Sow farrow to Finnish hog operation to a 1200 Sow Farrow to Finnish units. With the announcement by Smithfield and Maple Leaf to phase out Sow stalls and go to group housing, the moratorium on the hog industry sustains us from going to and using these better industry practices. Cool Spring Farms would like to convert from Dry Sow Stalls 14 sq feet per Sow to 25 sq ft per sow to Group housing when they do their expansion, but with the moratorium in place our plans are hopeless.

Cool Spring Farm has been proactive in their nutrients management practices at this time and will continue to be in the future to keep abreast of better ways to help sustain the environment. The nutrients we are using for Odour control keeps our neighbours and our workers in the barn happy. We have been following the rules on our manure management practices that work for our environment and we don't need and just enforce the Rules we have now. Our soil and well water test we do every year tell us we are following the rules our manure management plan has. We are only responsible for 1 to 1.5% of the phosphorus loading and are trying hard to reduce it. We practise a good Bio Security to keep Disease transmission at Bay from entering the food Chain.

The pause on our industry is totally unfair. The industry pause or moratorium is hurting our families and our farms. The economy is also being hurt.

So for a Brighter Economy and Future for our Hog Farmers and overall Industry, the best thing you could do is to End the Hog moratorium as soon as possible.

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