Manitoba Clean Environment Commission Hog Production Industry Review

My name is Scott Newton. I am a first year student at the University of Manitoba going into the Faculty of Agriculture. I am writing with my concern regarding the future of the hog industry.

After I graduate I am going to be looking for a job in the agricultural industry. With the 'pause' that has been issued to the hog industry, there will very limited job opportunities for graduates this year. This concerns me, because it gives me the feeling that all parts of the Manitoba agricultural industry are insecure and they could be halted at any time, for unnecessary reasons. I believe this research can be done while the hog industry is in full operation. This would allow the hog industry to continue to operate, and give the producer the opportunity to expand at their own risk. I do not like the idea that the farmers are forced to stop all expansion. Many hog producers have more than enough land to spread their manure and still easily be within the proposed regulations.

I hope that you take this letter seriously and look at how you are showcasing the industry to younger people. These are the people that will soon be running the industry. They will be needed to continue the production of hogs as well as other products that are produced by agriculture in Manitoba.

Sincerely,

Scott Newton

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