

Confined Feeding Operations (CFO) Extension Specialists with Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development (ARD) provide technical expertise to livestock producers, consultants, municipalities, and other interested parties. CFO extension services ensure Alberta's livestock industry grows in a competitively and environmentally sustainable manner. Working in cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Board (NRCB), Approval Officers and Inspectors, ARD CFO Extension Specialists provide clients with information and tools to support the NRCB application process. They also provide clients information on the regulatory requirements of the Agricultural Operation Practices Act (AOPA) and other relevant legislation.

What services are available?

Extension services are available to anyone requiring information about the technical requirements and application process for existing, new and expanding CFOs in Alberta. For producers and their consultants, additional services will be provided specific to the application process.

Extension staff assist clients with the following:

- Assist with determining if a permit is required.
- Understanding the application process and regulatory requirements.
- Collecting information to determine potential site risks and initial site evaluation.
- Providing information on management options to meet regulatory requirements and address potential site risks.
- Directing clients to information and tools to help complete the application process.

Referral service

CFO Extension Specialists can refer clients to people with other areas of expertise to help them make decisions about their operation.

How can services be accessed?

ARD CFO Extension Specialists provide services across the province and are located in Morinville, Red Deer and Lethbridge.

For Alberta Agriculture's Programs and Services page for CFO Extension Services go to <http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/general/progserv.nsf/All/pgmsrv383>

