



****MEDIA ADVISORY****

CAFO CRISIS FOR BAYFIELD? -- A Media Briefing Community Group, National Experts Team to Discuss Local Industrial Animal Operation Threats & What Can Be Done About Them

WHAT: A media teleconference with leading national authorities and local community organizers on the current fight to spare Bayfield County from the harmful, long-term effects of concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) contamination of Wisconsin's environment, natural resources and public health. Local community group **Farms Not Factories** and national CAFO experts **Socially Responsible Agricultural Project (SRAP)** will host the call. This tele-briefing kicks-off a day of information and education on the future impact of CAFOs in Bayfield County highlighted by a "Pie & Politics" presentation at Big Top Chautauqua @ 6:30 p.m.

WHEN: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 -- 2:00 p.m. (CT)

WHERE: Dial-in: 712-775-7031 | Access code: 639651

WHO: **Mary Dougherty/Ellen Braddock/Richard Ketring** – Founding members, Farms Not Factories

Lynn Henning – SRAP regional coordinator, Michigan family farmer & 2010 Goldman Environmental Prize Award-winner

Michele Merkel – Co-director, Food & Water Justice & SRAP board member

DETAILS:

- A 26,000-head hog CAFO is slated for operation in Bayfield County, less than 8 miles from Lake Superior.
- Routine mismanagement and failed oversight of CAFOs in handling the massive quantities of manure produced from industrial animal operations result in polluted air and water, and a local public health crisis.
- SRAP has just released a damaging report, [The RAP SHEETS](#) detailing the degraded water, health and environmental condition in Wisconsin's Kewaunee County due to uncontrolled industrial CAFO operations. A cautionary tale for Bayfield County.
- Farms Not Factories is asking local officials to ensure public protections are in place from the well-documented threats posed by industrial-sized agricultural operations.

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