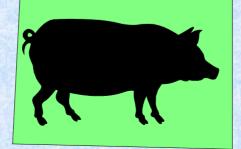
# Potential Impact on RMs of Recommendations Made by the Livestock Sustainability Initiative Panel

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# A Municipal Reaction to "Finding Common Ground"

A report prepared for the government of Manitoba by the Livestock Stewardship Panel



#### **Outline**

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## Background

- Context of rapid growth in ILOs in Manitoba
- Livestock Stewardship Panel
- Finding Common Ground

## **Key Conclusions Highlighted**

- Government as custodian of public interest
- Regulations/guidelines OK, enforcement/monitoring inadequate
- Two types of ILO according to income
- Manure is a valuable product

#### **POSITIVES**

- Educational for Municipal Councils
- Clear, understandable recommendations (particularly with regard to need for provincial enforcement)
- Confirms Municipal authority for land use
- Focus on GIS as a land use planning tool
- Attempt to ensure equitable solution for all:
  - **Environment**
  - **Social**
  - **Economic**

#### **NEGATIVES**

- Recommendations aimed at province (ie no recommendations for municipal problem solving)
- No suggestions for mitigation strategies (ie proactive measures by producers)
- Not much/any reference to 'corporate' farms
- Not clear where ILO's are being sited (ie are they concentrating close to processing plants?)
- Historical Liability issues such as abandoned well sites

### **Municipal Needs**

- Straightforward and concise guidelines for ILO siting
- Environmental clearance from province before siting approval process in municipality
- Assurance of environmental follow-on from province
- Access to simple and accurate GIS information
- Regular updating on ILO issues from province (video or DVD format might be best, perhaps even a visit from Manitoba Agriculture)

#### Conclusions

- Report argues for balance between economic, social, and environment
- Recommendations are clearly stated
- Clear, concise guidelines needed for municipalities
- We await provincial decisions on recommendations

# Municipal Reaction to 'Finding Common Ground'

