

Should Farmers be Afraid of the Todd County Feedlot Officer?



The simple answer is, “No”. Here’s why :

- She is smaller in stature than the average Todd County Farmer
- She has been in the “ag trenches” - working on farms and managing livestock for over 25 years
- She assists Todd County Farmers in keeping state level MPCA out of Todd County—“no reason; no season”
- When working respectfully and collaboratively towards common sense objectives and timelines, she finds enforcement is not needed
- Project designs are based on your input to benefit the efficiency of your farm while targeting key environmental improvements
- Visits are scheduled- no unexpected surprises; Exception: emergencies /urgent calls
- She has no affiliation with PETA or the HSUS, nor does she want such affiliation. She is not a spy.
- She doesn’t buy into gossip or media reports. Facts are only those observed/ witnessed in person. She does not judge you.
- She respects signage and does not trespass.
- She trusts what you say-- unless given reason not to. Be upfront.
- She works to treat every producer fairly—no matter the size/type of operation
- She is a problem solver- not a problem seeker
- She understands the financial eb and flow of agriculture
- She issues NO fines/ tickets; not all solutions cost
- She’s memorized: **MN Statute 116.07 Sub. 7-** *A producer cannot be required to spend more than \$3,000 on sites with less than 300 animal units (\$10,000 for sites over 300 animal units) without 75% cost-share availability.*
- **The majority of Todd County Farmers operate in compliance with Minnesota rules, so chances are, you do too!**