



WISHING JEFFERSON COUNTY A HEALTHY, PROSPEROUS, CAFO-FREE NEW YEAR

2013 was a power-packed year for JFAN and Jefferson County. JFAN's efforts brought the CAFO fight to new levels last year.

* Nationally renowned CAFO fighting attorneys Charlie Speer and Richard Middleton joined Jefferson County attorney David E. Sykes, creating an Iowa legal team to represent community groups fighting CAFOs. The team will consider nuisance lawsuits against infringing CAFOs and their corporate suppliers (called "Integrators"). *JFAN's efforts to help Save Batavia Eldon organize against Valley View Swine helped to pave the way for the formation of the new team.*

* Fourteen communities in five counties representing over 500 Iowans are now working with the Speer/Middleton/Sykes legal team. Three cases are now going into the mandatory mediation process with litigation likely to follow shortly thereafter. It's anticipated that many other cases will be brought to court in 2014.

With the Iowa legal team and JFAN both based in Jefferson County, expect that any new CAFO activity in this area will get immediate attention and a strong legal response. Our message is clear. "Do not build CAFOs in our backyard."

* Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) retained JFAN's legal counsel David E. Sykes to represent HSUS in Iowa. He's now working on the Maschhoff Pork spill in Van Buren County with federal litigation anticipated under the Clean Water Act.

* JFAN forged new national relationships and strengthened ongoing partnerships with the Humane Society of the United States, Pew Charitable Trusts, and the Socially Responsible Agricultural Project, among others.

* We created an online manure management plan (MMP) database and map for Jefferson County that can now crosscheck MMP's for over-application of manure. It's at www.jfaniowa.org.

* JFAN provided guidance to community groups from Linn, Hancock, Wayne, Davis, Scott, Black Hawk, Buchanan and Van Buren counties – and even Elkton, South Dakota – who reached out to JFAN for help.

* Our rousing Annual Meeting welcoming Charlie Speer and Richard Middleton to Jefferson County and Iowa drew over 500 enthusiastic attendees, once again packing the Sondheim Center.

Our Commitment: Protecting You in 2014

Thanks to our supporters, JFAN is stronger than ever. We will use that strength in 2014 to stand firm against further CAFO development in Jefferson County. Our 2014 plans to support and strengthen our ongoing efforts in Jefferson County include:

* Launching a training program teaching other community groups how to create their own 'FANs.'

* Educating city governments throughout the state on how to protect their cities.

* Creating a coalition of other Iowa groups fighting CAFOs to work together to protect our counties.

Thank you for all your support to keep JFAN strong. First and foremost, we are here for you.

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