

NUISANCE CONTROL

Why should you be concerned?

Odour, noise, dust, smoke, rodents, flies, and other insects or other potential nuisances may be part of normal agricultural operations. Some people are not bothered by the smell from livestock production facilities, noise from a combine harvesting a crop, or the dust generated by tillage operations. Other people are more sensitive to such nuisances or may find them intolerable. It is almost impossible to set limits for potential nuisance but you should think about your neighbours and applicable laws. It's up to you to reduce odour, noise, dust and other potential nuisances by using good farming practices.

Conflicts over nuisances can be reduced with a little common sense and courtesy on both sides.

What can you do?

1. Reduce conflicts by following good management practices.
2. Make sure you store and apply manure in a way that will minimize odour.
3. Use a "good neighbour policy" when making management decisions. For example, inform neighbours before applying livestock manure.
4. Know and understand the legislation that pertains to nuisance. In Manitoba, *The Farm Practices Protection Act* requires nuisance complaints to be reviewed by the Farm Practices Protection Board. This board can order changes to farming practices that are considered unacceptable. Manage your operation to minimize nuisance by meeting or exceeding provincial Farm Practices Guidelines.
5. Use this worksheet to find out how to reduce complaints about potential nuisances.
6. Contact your local GO Office for additional information and support, or other appropriate agricultural extension specialist.