

Court ruling in Scotland County affects rural agriculture

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Missouri Farmers Care leaders said today that they applaud the Circuit Court of Scotland County for ruling in favor of farmer Gavin Hauk. Mr. Hauk had been denied a permit to place a new 4,960-head hog facility by the county commission on the basis of their County Health Ordinance.

Scotland County's Health Ordinance is unusually restrictive in that it requires farmers to place confined animal feeding operations at least two miles from a "populated area." Experts testifying in the case felt that this restriction would prevent any new operations throughout the entire county and is four times more restrictive than state law. The court also found that the Scotland County Commission had ignored their own ordinance by issuing twelve earlier permits.

The Court ordered Scotland County to pay damages of \$178,566 Mr. Hauk for delayed construction and lost revenue and also ordered the County to issue Mr. Hauk a permit.

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