

Statement of site inspection

Mr Martin O-Donovan

Cooligboy

Timoleague

Bandon

County Cork

Site: Unlicensed piggery at Cooligboy, Timoleague, Bandon, County Cork.

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This assessment was undertaken by: Adrian Farrell, OEE Inspector and Paul Buckley, OEE Inspector

Site Representatives: Mr Martin O'Donovan (Operator) and Cathal O'Donovan (Site Manager)

On 13th September 2022 Inspectors from the Office of Environmental Enforcement (OEE) conducted a site visit to the premises of Martin O'Donovan in Cooligboy, Timoleague, Bandon, County Cork, to undertake a site visit to determine whether Martin O'Donovan continues to operate a Class 6.2 Activity, as specified in the First Schedule of the Environment Protection (EPA) Act, without having an EPA licence in place. The Activity refers to "the rearing of pigs in an installation where the capacity exceeds – (a) 750 places for sows, or (b) 2,000 places for production pigs which are each over 30kg".

The OEE notes that on the date of the site visit the owner had not applied for relevant EPA authorisation to regularise the unlicensed activity.

Site Inspection

The Inspectors undertook an inspection of the four pig houses on site and their appropriate rooms. The following notes were made for each house:

House 1

- "Fats Room 1". 24 pig pens were found and pens were found to be stocked with pigs;
- "Fats Room 2". 24 pig pens were found and pens were found to be stocked with pigs;
- "Fats Room 3". 24 pig pens were found and pens were found to be stocked with pigs;
- "Fats Room 4". 24 pig pens were found and pens were found to be stocked with pigs;

- “Fats Room 5”. 24 pig pens were found and pens were found to be stocked with pigs, and,
- “Fats Room 6”. 24 pig pens were found and pens were found to be stocked with pigs.

House 2

- “Fats Room 7”. 24 pig pens were found and pens were found to be stocked with pigs;
- “Fats Room 8”. 24 pig pens were found and pens were found to be stocked with pigs;
- “Fats Room 9”. 24 pig pens were found and pens were found to be stocked with pigs;
- “Fats Room 10”. 24 pig pens were found and pens were found to be stocked with pigs;
- “Weaner Room 4”. 12 pig pens but no pigs in these pens;
- “Weaner Room 3”. 12 pig pens that were found to be stocked;
- “Weaner Room 2”. 12 pig pens that were found to be stocked;
- “Weaner Room 1”. 12 pig pens that were found to be stocked;

House 3

- “Weaner Room 5”. 12 pig pens that were found to be stocked;
- “Weaner Room 6”. 12 pig pens that were found to be stocked;
- “Weaner Room 7”. 12 pig pens that were found to be stocked;
- “Weaner Room 8”. 12 pig pens that were found to be stocked;
- Farrowing Room 12. 24 pig pens. 23 pens occupied with 1 sow each;
- Farrowing Room 11. 24 pig pens occupied with 1 sow each;
- Farrowing Room 10. 24 pig pens all stocked with piglets;
- Farrowing Room 9. 24 pig pens all stocked with piglets;
- Farrowing Room 8. 24 pig pens. 18 pens occupied with piglets;
- Farrowing Room 7. 24 pig pens stocked with sows and piglets;
- Farrowing Room 6. 24 pig pens stocked with sows and piglets;
- Farrowing Room 5. 24 pig pens stocked with sows and piglets;
- Farrowing Room 4. 24 pig pens stocked with sows and piglets;
- Farrowing Room 3. 24 pig pens stocked with sows and piglets;
- Farrowing Room 2. 24 pig pens stocked with sows and piglets, and,
- Farrowing Room 1. 24 pig pens stocked with sows and piglets;

House 4

- Room 1: Dry sows stocked here. Estimated that there are 11 pigs per pen and 60 pens in this room, and,
- Room 2: “Servicing Room” and 60 dry sows located in this room.

With regards the “Fats Rooms” it is estimated that an average of 22 pigs are present in each pen and 500 pigs are present in each room.

The Site Manager provided numbers from the most recent stock count at the unlicensed facility, on 30/08/2022 as follows;

- 730 sows;
- 800 Gilts;
- 2 Boars;
- 2004 weaners, and
- 4281 fatteners.

Based on the inspection observations and stock counts the owner continues to undertake a Class 6.2 Activity without relevant EPA authorisation in place.

Action Required

The operator shall destock the unauthorised pig houses forthwith until such time that relevant EPA authorisation is in place.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adrian Farrell". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Adrian Farrell

OEE Inspector

Office of Environmental Enforcement, South Southwest Region.