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## **Mega dairy hearing draws hundreds**

**RIPON, Wis.** - A proposed mega-dairy farm at Rosendale drew hundreds to a hearing and those on both sides had plenty to say about its potential environmental impact.

More than 500 people packed a hearing room in Ripon Thursday night. The Department of Natural Resources must decide whether to grant a wastewater discharge permit for Rosendale Dairy. As proposed with 8,300 cows, it would be the state's largest.

Timothy Theil of Rosendale lives near the farm. He's among those concerned about the large amount of manure produced and how it would affect his well water.

Farm owner Jim Ostrum says the farm would be environmentally safe. He says it will also support the state's economy, pumping in \$70 million to build and run the operation.

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