

**Minnesota Department of Agriculture  
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Food Innovation Team Subcommittee**

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**Data Privacy Warning:**

The Food Innovation Team (FIT) regularly requests data from food business owners (FBOs) interested in participating or gaining food business licensing guidance from FIT through the Pre-Screening Intake Form (PSIF), during FIT meeting proceedings, and as part of the regular processes of FIT. The information provided for these FIT activities will be used before, during, and after FIT meetings to answer licensing questions from FBOs. Information provided is public information and will be discussed at a meeting that is open to the public. If you have information that you want protected, please contact the Food and Feed Safety Interim Division Director, Katherine Simon (Katherine.simon@state.mn.us or (651) 201-6596) before filling out this form and submitting it to FIT.

**FIT Website Notification:**

Please note that all information contained in this form is subject to public information requests. The information contained in this form will be included on the FIT website with the exception of items under the “General Business Information” category.

**Date of FIT Meeting:** 9/16/19

**Meeting Participants:**

- FIT Members:
  - Jane Jewett
  - James Backstrom via WebEx
  - Julia Selleys via WebEx
  - James Roettger
  - Lolly Occhino
- Food Business:
  - Tiffany Tripp, Graise Farms LLC
- Other:
  - Dan Opsahl, MDA
  - Collin Kappenman, MDA
  - Alida Sorenson, MDA
  - Natasha Hedin, MDA

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General Business Information (Do not include this section in public-facing online database)	
Name of business:	Graise Farms LLC
Location of business:	Fairbault, MN
Referred by:	<input type="checkbox"/> MDA <input type="checkbox"/> MDH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FIT member <input type="checkbox"/> MDA Delegated Agency <input type="checkbox"/> MDH Delegated Agency
Current license(s), registration(s), and/or exemption(s): (Please include date of issuance.)	
Why was this business referred to FIT?	
Current business model:	Farm sells eggs direct to consumer and wholesale. Sells meat chickens and pork direct to consumer.
Key issues examined by FIT:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farm wants to have a store retail front on the farm. In order to have a retail store front they would need an approved water supply.</li> </ul> Farm had reps from MDH/MDA visit to review well multiple times. The Food Business Owner (FBO) hasn't heard back on the status of well review
Other issues:	Review reason for communication gaps between regulatory agencies (MDA and MDH) and FBO.
How was the issue resolved?	
Description of resolution:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MDA will make sure well review letter gets to FBO and inspector will follow-up with information on retail food vehicle portable structure or cart license.</li> <li>• FBO may decide to contact a well contractor to determine if well meets requirements.</li> </ul>
Other notes:	
Who resolved the issue (name(s) and organization(s)):	FIT Members
Date of resolution:	9/16/2019
Licensing authority representative (name and organization):	Raymond Starin – MDA, Food and Feed Safety Division, Retail Food Inspector James R – MDA, Food and Feed Safety Division, Licensing Liaison
Recommendations / Lessons Learned	

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Internal (FIT):	Well inspection can take time (typically a few months). Managing expectations of well review process. Review checklist on MDAs website (Retail Food Handlers' License).
Licensing agency:	MDA
Rules / Statutes:	31.175 Water, plumbing and storage, Food Code