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## WILLIAMS COUNTY ALLIANCE TO HOST PUBLIC MEETINGS ON CHICKEN FACTORY

Want to learn more about what industrial laying hen facilities are like? Here is your chance. The Williams County Alliance (WCA), a new local citizens group, is scheduling public meetings throughout the county to share information about the impacts to expect from a multi-million hen facility.

Rumors have been flying in recent weeks about a possible chicken mega-facility locating in Williams County. Steve George, CEO of Fremont Farms of Iowa LLC, has confirmed that his company is looking at several sites in the county for a laying hen facility that would house millions of chickens.

Williams County Alliance will host meetings in the following communities:

*Tuesday, April 4 at 7:30 pm at the old gym in Pioneer (400 East Baubice St.)*

*Thursday, April 6 at 7:30 pm at the Springfield Park Shelter House in Stryker*

*Monday, April 10 at 7:30 pm at the Fire Station in Montpelier*

*Tuesday, April 11 at 7:30 pm at the Community Building in Edon*

*Tuesday, April 18 at 7:30 pm at the Legion Hall in West Unity*

At these meetings, members of WCA will show video footage of a five million-chicken Fremont Farm facility in Malcom, Iowa. Four local residents took a trip to Malcom recently to see the factory and interview people in the surrounding community. The twenty-minute video will include excerpts from these interviews.

The public meetings are free, and the Alliance encourages anyone interested in learning more about this important issue to attend.

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