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Large Chicken Production Facility Proposed in SE Neb.

(KTNC)--Gage County leaders will consider a special permit for a proposed poultry operation that would be one of the region's largest. The facility would be built near Blue Springs with six buildings to house more than 150-thousand chickens.

James Zimmerman told the Gage County Commission that he's researched modern methods used by M-B-A Poultry near Tecumseh where 26 barns are computer-regulated for temperature and airflow. Marie Zimmerman says she and her husband have a significant stake in making sure the operation is run properly.

Forty-six nearby property owners have been notified of the plan. The nearest home is over a half-mile away, which meets county zoning regulations. Also, a management plan for controlling animal waste has been submitted to the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

A vote is expected on the proposal next week.

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