

US farmers say agency making spy flyovers

KANSAS CITY: Cattle farmers complained on Wednesday that a federal agency is "spying" on their operations by flying airplanes over Midwest cattle feedlots to see if they are complying with clean water regulations. The livestock producers and some members of Congress from rural areas want to know why the Environmental Protection Agency is using airplanes to monitor if feedlots are obeying the Clean Water Act. They said the aerial surveillance raises privacy concerns and they question the statutory authority for the flights. **Agencies**