

# Animal Units Calculator

A	B	C	Current Operation		Proposed Operation	
			D	E	F	G
Operation Type	Animal Categories	Animal Units per Head	Current Number of Animals <sup>1</sup>	Current Animal Units	Proposed Number of Animals <sup>2</sup>	Proposed Number of Animal Units
Dairy <sup>3</sup>	Mature cows (lactating and dry) including associated livestock	2	400	800	900	1,800
	Mature cows (lactating and dry)	1.35		-		-
	Heifers (0 to 3 months)	0.16		-		-
	Heifers (4 to 13 months)	0.41		-		-
	Heifers (> 13 months)	0.87		-		-
	Bulls	1.35		-		-
	Veal calves	0.13		-		-
Beef	Beef cows including associated livestock	1.25		-		-
	Backgrounder	0.5		-		-
	Summer pasture / replacement heifers	0.625		-		-
	Feeder cattle	0.769		-		-
Pigs	Sows - farrow to finish (234-254 lbs)	1.25		-		-
	Sows - farrow to weanling (up to 11 lbs)	0.25		-		-
	Sows - farrow to nursery (51 lbs)	0.313		-		-
	Boars (artificial insemination units)	0.2		-		-
	Weanlings, Nursery (11-51 lbs)	0.033		-		-
	Growers / Finishers (51-249 lbs)	0.143		-		-
Chickens	Broilers	0.005		-		-
	Roasters	0.01		-		-
	Layers	0.0083		-		-
	Pullets	0.0033		-		-
	Broiler breeder pullets	0.0033		-		-
	Broiler breeder hens	0.01		-		-
Turkeys	Broilers	0.01		-		-
	Heavy Toms	0.02		-		-
	Heavy Hens	0.01		-		-
Horses	Mares	1.333		-		-
Sheep	Ewes	0.2		-		-
	Feeder lambs	0.063		-		-
Other Livestock	Type:			-		-
	Type:			-		-
Total Current:				800	Total Proposed:	1,800

**Footnotes:**

<sup>1</sup> Enter the current number of animals on the farm based on the operation's capacity (animal places) or previous Conditional Use Approval.

<sup>2</sup> Enter the total number of animals associated with the operation post construction or expansion.

<sup>3</sup> There are 2 methods for calculating animal units for dairy (Farm Practices Guidelines for Dairy Producers in Manitoba, 1995). You can enter the total number of mature cows in the milking herd under the "Mature cows (lactating and dry) including associated livestock" category and the animal units will be calculated by multiplying this number by 2. This calculation assumes 85 lactating, 15 dry, 12 heifers (0 to 3 months), 36 heifers (4 to 13 months) and 50 heifers (> 13 months) for an operation with 100 mature cows. "Associated livestock" includes all of the heifer calves and replacement heifers. Alternatively, you can enter animal numbers in the individual categories (mature cows, heifers (0 to 3 months), heifers (4 to 13 months) and heifers (> 13 months)) and they will be summed at the bottom of the table. Bulls and veal calves are always calculated separately.

For all other livestock or operation types please inquire with [Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development](#)