

# 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	600	1,200	2,000	4,000
	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 weaning (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:				1,200	Total Proposed:	4,000

**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

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Animal Type (A)	Animal Sub-type (B)	Daily Manure Production				Production Period <sup>2</sup> (Days) (G)	Number of Animals <sup>3</sup> (Capacity) (H)	Total Manure Volume (ft <sup>3</sup> ) (F×G×H)	Total Manure Volume for Semi-Solid and Liquid Manure (Imp Gal)
		References (C)	Manure Type (D)	Default Manure Production (ft <sup>3</sup> /animal/day) (E)	Operation Manure Production <sup>1</sup> (ft <sup>3</sup> /animal/day) (F)				
Dairy (milking cows <sup>4</sup> and associated livestock)	Free Stall	Table 6, pg 59, FPGs for Dairy 1995	Semi-Solid <sup>5</sup>	3.5	3.5	365	2000	2,555,000.00	15,917,650.0
			Solid	3.4					
			Liquid <sup>5</sup>	3.5					
	Tie Stall		Semi-Solid <sup>5</sup>	3.6					
			Solid	3.5					
			Liquid <sup>5</sup>	3.6					
			Loose Housing	Solid	3.0				
Milking Parlour Manure and Washwater	Liquid	0.5							
Beef	Beef cows including associated livestock	pg 117, FPGs for Hogs 1998	Solid	1.2					
	Backgrounder (200 day)		Solid	0.73					
	Summer pasture / replacement heifers		Solid	0.85					
	Feeder cattle		Solid	1.1					
Pigs	Sows - farrow to finish (234 - 254 lbs)	MAFRI website, FPGs for Pigs 2007	Liquid	2.3					0.0
	Sows - farrow to wean (up to 11 lbs)		Liquid	0.8					
	Sows - farrow to nursery (51 lbs)		Liquid	1					
	Weanlings, Nursery (11 - 51 lbs)		Liquid	0.1					
	Grower / Finisher (51 - 249 lbs)		Liquid	0.25					
Animal Type	Type of Operation		Yearly Manure Production		Production Period <sup>2</sup> (Days)	Number of Birds <sup>3</sup> (Capacity)	Total Manure Volume (ft <sup>3</sup> ) (F/365×G×H)	Total Manure Volume for Semi-Solid and Liquid Manure (Imp Gal)	
			Default Manure Production (ft <sup>3</sup> /year/bird space)	Operation Manure Production <sup>1</sup> (ft <sup>3</sup> /year/bird space)					
Chickens	Broilers – floor <sup>6</sup>	Table 3, pg 85, FPGs for Poultry 2000		1.23					
	Broiler breeder hens <sup>7</sup>			2.3					
	Broiler breeder pullets <sup>6</sup>			0.99					
	Roasters – floor <sup>6</sup>			1.16					
	Layers – cage <sup>8</sup>			2.33					
	Layers – floor <sup>7</sup>			1.68					
	Layers – solid pack <sup>9</sup>								
	Pullets – cage <sup>8</sup>			0.71					
	Pullets – floor <sup>6</sup>			0.75					
	Pullets – solid pack <sup>9</sup>								
Turkeys	Broilers <sup>6</sup>	Table 3, pg 85, FPGs for Poultry 2000		2.83					
	Heavy toms <sup>6</sup>			5.58					
	Heavy hens <sup>6</sup>			3.32					

Sizing of a manure storage facility in accordance with all requirements of the *Livestock Manure and Mortalities Management Regulation (M.R. 42/98)* is the responsibility of the operator.

**Instructions and footnotes:**

<sup>1</sup> ENTER the manure production estimate for your operation. If no estimate is available, use the default value provided in column E. References for default daily and yearly manure production are provided in column C.

<sup>2</sup> ENTER the number of days worth of manure that will be produced. For earthen manure storage facilities the minimum storage requirement is 400 days. For steel and concrete manure storage facilities the minimum storage requirement is 250

<sup>3</sup> ENTER the total number of animals or birds that the operation can hold (e.g. barn or feedlot capacity).

<sup>4</sup> Milking cows includes all lactating and dry cows.

<sup>5</sup> Default manure production estimates for semi-solid and liquid dairy manure include manure and washwater from the milking parlour.

<sup>6</sup> 2 inches of wood shavings or 4 inches of straw placed on floor. Manure and litter removed from barn at 25% moisture content, with a density of 20 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>

<sup>7</sup> One-third litter floor, two-thirds slatted floor. Manure and litter removed from barn at 40% moisture content, with a density of 25 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>

<sup>8</sup> Manure removed from barn at 90% moisture content with a density of 59 lb/ft<sup>3</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Poultry operations using litter (solid pack) must provide an estimate of yearly manure production