

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 ¹	Current Animal Units	Proposed Number of Animals ²	Proposed Number of Animal Units
Dairy ³	Mature cows (lactating and dry) including associated livestock	2		-		-
	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		-		-
Beef	Veal calves	0.13		-		-
	Beef cows including associated livestock	1.25		-		-
	Backgrounder	0.5		-		-
	Summer pasture / replacement heifers	0.625		-		-
Pigs	Feeder cattle	0.769		-		-
	Sows - farrow to finish (234-254 lbs)	1.25		-		-
	Sows - farrow to weanling (up to 11 lbs)	0.25	3,000	750	5,200	1,300
	Sows - farrow to nursery (51 lbs)	0.313		-		-
	Boars (artificial insemination units)	0.2		-		-
	Weanlings, Nursery (11-51 lbs)	0.033		-		-
Chickens	Growers / Finishers (51-249 lbs) Use for gilts	0.143	165	24	280	40
	Broilers	0.005		-		-
	Roasters	0.01		-		-
	Layers	0.0083		-		-
	Pullets	0.0033		-		-
	Broiler breeder pullets	0.0033		-		-
Turkeys	Broiler breeder hens	0.01		-		-
	Broilers	0.01		-		-
	Heavy Toms	0.02		-		-
Horses	Heavy Hens	0.01		-		-
	Mares	1.333		-		-
Sheep	Ewes	0.2		-		-
	Feeder lambs	0.063		-		-
Other Livestock	Type:			-		-
	Type:			-		-
Total Current:				774	Total Proposed:	1,340

Footnotes:

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

² Enter the total number of animals associated with the operation post construction or expansion.

³ 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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