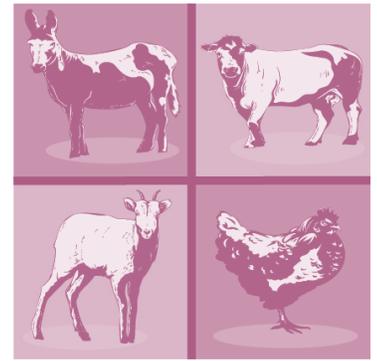


Farm Animals



Why regulate Farm Animals?

The proposed documents regulate the keeping of farm animals to reduce land use conflicts with neighbouring properties and protect water quality. Requirements for Farm Animals vary depending on the number and type of animals kept and on the zone in which the property is located.

What is a Farm Animal Unit?

A Farm Animal Unit is a number which is calculated to determine the intensity level of a farming operation. One Farm Animal Unit (FAU) is equal to one cow or one horse. Pigs, sheep and goats are each equal to 0.3 FAU, meaning three of these animals would make up one FAU. One FAU could also be made up of any combination of animals (ie. One sheep, one pig and one goat). Chickens (female) are equal to 0.03 FAU meaning thirty-three chickens would equal one FAU.

Farm Animal	Number of Farm Animal Units per Animal
Swine	0.3
Cattle / Horse	1
Sheep / Goat / Llama / Alpaca	0.3
Ostrich / Emu	0.3
Fowl / Rabbit	0.03

There are different rules depending on the type and number of animals kept:

BACKYARD FOWL (up to 10 female chickens)	LIVESTOCK OPERATION (up to 20 Farm Animal Units)	LIVESTOCK OPERATION (over 20 Farm Animal Units)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed in all zones except: SU, PW & CS No Development Permit needed Coop must be located in side or rear yard Standard setbacks for structures apply 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed in: MU, SR-1, SR-2 & GW Must obtain Development Permit Minimum lot size = 4,000m² for the first FAU, 2,000m² for each additional FAU Structures to shelter animals or manure must be 15m from all property lines and 25m from watercourses or waterbodies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowed in: GB, MU & CI Must obtain Development Permit Structures to shelter animals must be 50m from all property lines and 100m from a neighbouring dwelling. Manure storage must be 100m from watercourses or waterbodies

For further information

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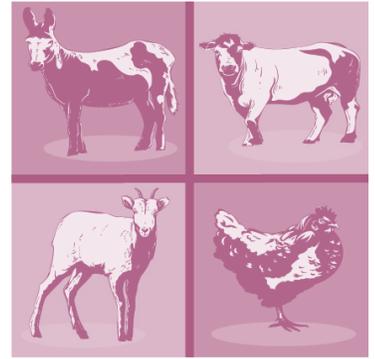
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Examples of how these rules apply in different zones:

- In the **General Basic Zone**, no permit or rules apply if 20 or fewer Farm Animal Units are kept (this could be 20 cows, 20 horses, 60 pigs, 660 chickens, or any combination that totals 20 or less FAU). If you want to keep more than 20 Farm Animal Units in General Basic, a Development Permit is required. Setbacks are also required for buildings which house animals (50m from property lines, 100m from an existing house) or manure (100m from a watercourse or waterbody). There is no maximum number of animals, as long as you can meet the setback requirements.
- In the **Mixed Use Zone**, a Development Permit is required to keep any farm animals, except that 10 female fowl may be kept with no permit. In order to receive a development permit to keep farm animals, you must have the minimum lot area of 4000m² for the first Farm Animal Unit and 2000m² for each additional Farm Animal Unit. As well as meet setbacks for buildings which house animals or manure (15m from property lines and 25m from a watercourse). There is no maximum number of animals, as long as you have the required land area. Once you are over 20 Farm Animal Units you have not limit on the number of animals but you do need to meet the minimum yard setbacks (50m from property lines, 100m from an existing house and 100m from a watercourse).
- In the **Settlement Residential 1 Zone**, a Development Permit is required to keep any Farm Animals, including 10 female fowl. In order to receive a development permit to keep farm animals, you must show that you have the minimum required lot area (same as in MU Zone), 4000m² for the first Farm Animal Unit and 2000m² for each additional Farm Animal Unit. As well as meet setbacks for buildings which house animals or manure (15m from property lines and 25m from a watercourse). In the SR-1 Zone there is a maximum limit of 20 Farm Animals Unit on a property, regardless of the lot size.
- In the **Settlement Residential 2 Zone & Gateway Zone**, a Development Permit is required to keep any farm animals, except that 10 female fowl may be kept with no permit. In order to receive a development permit to keep farm animals, you must show that you have the minimum required lot area (same as in MU Zone, 4000m² for the first Farm Animal Unit and 2000m² for each additional Farm Animal Unit. As well as meet setbacks for buildings which house animals or manure (15m from property lines and 25m from a watercourse). In the SR-2 Zone & Gateway Zone there is a maximum limit of 20 Farm Animals Unit on a property, regardless of the lot size.
- In the **Hamlet Zone**, the only permitted Farm Animals are up to 10 female fowl, which does not require a Development Permit.

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