

Do I Need to Register My Feedlot or Manure Storage Area?

Feedlot Program
Registration

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Minnesota Rules Chapter 7020 requires most owners of livestock operations and manure storage areas to register with the Minnesota Pollution Agency by January 1, 2002.

Owners of the following facilities are required to register with the MPCA or delegated county:

- A livestock operation capable of holding 50 or more animal units or a manure storage area capable of holding the manure produced by 50 or more animal units.
- A livestock operation capable of holding 10 or more animal units or a manure storage area capable of holding the manure produced by 10 or more animal units that is located within shoreland.

Determining Shoreland: Shoreland refers to land area that is 1,000 feet or less from a lake or 300 feet or less from a river or stream. Some ponds and wetlands are also classified as shoreland (1,000-foot standard applies) but water bodies of this type that are classified as shoreland are typically greater than 25 acres in size. For altered watercourses, such as streams that have been ditched out or straightened, the 300-foot shoreland standard may apply. County and city zoning ordinances contain a specific list of waters that have a shoreland designation.

Determining Capacity: Capacity means the maximum number of animals that you intend to have (standing herd size) at the facility at any given time in the next four years. Items A and B below convert number of animals to animal units for the most common animal species and tell you if you have to register.

For additional assistance in calculating capacity for feedlots or manure storage areas please contact the MPCA Customer Assistance Center at 651/297-2274.

- A. If your feedlot is located outside of shoreland and the number of animals that you intend to have exceeds one of the following you must register: 40 dairy cows, 50 beef cows, 50 horses, 150 finishing pigs, 125 sows, 1,500 chickens, turkeys or ducks.
- B. If your feedlot is located within shoreland and the number of animals that you intend to have exceeds one of the following you must register: 8 dairy cows, 10 beef cows, 10 horses, 30 finishing pigs, 25 sows, 300 chickens, turkeys or ducks.

Who does not need to register?

- **Pastures:** Livestock operations that are primarily pasture operations do not need to register. A pasture operation is where livestock are maintained on pastures year round and building or open lots are not used for feeding and/or shelter.
- Owners of livestock operations that are listed on county Level II feedlot inventories that have been submitted to the agency – the inventory registers you.
- Owners of livestock operations that apply to the agency and/or to county offices for a permit after the effective date of this rule and before January 1, 2002 – the application registers you.
- Owners of livestock facilities that are closed and have not contained or maintained livestock since January 1, 1997 are not required to register. If the owner decides to use the facility in the future, the owner must register at that time.

Owners who are registered and who have less than 300 animal units are eligible to enroll in the 2005/2010 open-lot agreement. For more information about the agreement, contact your area MPCA office listed below.

MPCA Area Offices:

Rochester area:

507/285-7343

Mankato area:

507/389-5977

Marshall area:

507/537-7146

Willmar area:

320/214-3786

Detroit Lakes area:

218/847-1519

Brainerd area:

218/828-2492

Duluth area:

218/723-4660

Metro area:

651/296-6300

Toll-Free Number:

800/657-3864

Feedlot Service Center:

877/333-3508

