

Animal Unit Equivalents

The Maryland Nutrient Management law requires all farm operations to acquire a Nutrient Management Plan when the number of farm animals meets or exceeds 8 animal units. An animal unit is equivalent to 1000 lbs of live animal weight.

Number of Animals Required Equaling 8 Animal Units:

Horses	8	Broilers/Fryers	2000
Beef Cattle	8	Ducks	1200
Dairy Cattle	6	Geese	650
Sheep	40	Turkeys	425
Goats	90	Pigs 10-40 lbs	267
Alpaca	75	Pigs 40-220 lbs	62
Llama	25	Sows	21
Emu	60	Ostrich	30

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