

The number of 'livestock units' based on the property size are:

Lot Size	Allowable Number of Livestock Units
1.5 – 2.5 acres	2 units
2.6 – 5.0 acres	3 units
5.1 – 7.5 acres	4 units
7.6 – 19.9 acres	5 units

Within the Land Use Bylaw, each of the following are considered as "one (1) livestock unit":

- one (1) horse over one (1) year old
- two (2) colts up to one (1) year old
- one (1) cow or steer over one (1) year old
- one (1) buffalo over one (1) year old
- two (2) calves up to one (1) year old
- one (1) llama
- two (2) alpacas
- one (1) pig over one (1) year old
- two (2) piglets up to one (1) year old
- ten (10) ducks, turkeys, geese or chickens
- two (2) sheep or goats
- twenty (20) rabbits or similar rodents

Alberta Agriculture has an online system to register where livestock are kept with a premises identification (PID). Through this system the province will let you know if there are any diseases or natural disasters in the area which could affect your animals. Find the free online registration at:

<https://extranet1.agric.gov.ab.ca/pid>

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<http://www.mdopportunity.ab.ca/>

For more information contact a Lands Administrator at the Wabasca Administration office.

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#### Calling Lake:

Box 22, Calling Lake, Alberta T0G 0K0

Ph: 1-780-331-3860

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### Online Resources:

#### Heritage Chickens

Raising Chicks info booklet

[www.heritagechickens.ca/pdfs/raisingchicks.pdf](http://www.heritagechickens.ca/pdfs/raisingchicks.pdf)

#### Alberta Agriculture

Info and support for raising all types of livestock

[www.agric.gov.ab.ca](http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca)

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# Keeping Livestock and Domestic Animals

The keeping of domestic pets and livestock on residential properties is regulated in the MD Land Use Bylaw, specifically under section 8.26.

Keeping domestic pets or livestock on a residential property does not require a development permit, so long as the following rules are followed:

- Only the farm animals listed in the LUB are allowed on residential properties. These animals are listed on the next panel.
- Properties which are smaller than 1.5 acres must apply for a development permit to keep any farm animals on the lot. Without a permit, only domestic pets are permitted.
- The total number of domestic pets per lot shall not exceed four (4). Of these, only two (2) can be dogs (Animal Control Bylaw).

The number of farm animals that can be kept on a residential lot depends on the size of the property. The lot has to be AT LEAST 1.5 acres in size to keep any livestock or poultry without a permit. For lots over 1.5 acres, the number of animals allowed are counted by 'livestock units' to accommodate for the difference in size and potential noise, smell or nuisance caused.

On lots greater than 19.99 acres, there are no restrictions on the number of farm animals that can be kept on site.

Animals must be kept under such conditions that they do not act as a nuisance, reduce the amenities of the residential area for other residents, or create any health nuisances.

For any horses, cattle, llamas, alpacas, or/and their offspring, a perimeter fence of at least 1.2 m (4 feet) in height is required. This fence must be built of four (4) strand barbed wire, chain link or wooden or steel rails. The perimeter fence can not be closer than 20m (65.6 ft.) from the nearest dwelling.

For all other animals, appropriate fencing must be constructed to contain those animals/birds within the property.

Fences 1.2m (approx. 4 feet) in height, or less, do not require a development permit. Fences 1.8m (6.0 ft.) high, or less, which are located in rear yards do not require a permit.

Any barns, sheds, coops, or other structures over 10 square meters (107.6 sq. ft) require a development permit from the MD. As will any bee hives, regardless of size or location.

In residential districts the maximum coverage of the lot by all development is 40%. This includes (but is not limited to) homes, sheds, and other structures.

If you are interested in running a home business using either your garden or farm animals, please remember to register with the MD by applying for a Business Licence.

For those looking to operate a full commercial farm or other agricultural business, consider the following zones and included uses:

#### E – RESOURCES DISTRICT

##### Permitted Uses

- Agroforestry
- Extensive agriculture
- Game farms

##### Discretionary Uses

- Agricultural industries
- Fur farms
- Greenhouses
- Intensive agriculture
- Livestock sales yards
- Manure storage

#### RSF – RESIDENTIAL SMALL FARM DISTRICT

##### Permitted Uses

- Extensive agriculture
- Minor home occupations

##### Discretionary Uses

- Fur farms
- Greenhouses
- Intensive agriculture
- Manure storage

#### M1 –INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

##### Discretionary Uses

- Agricultural industries

#### UR – URBAN RESERVE DISTRICT

##### Permitted Uses

- Extensive agriculture

##### Discretionary Uses

- Intensive agriculture not including kennels

If this is something you are interested in pursuing or learning more, please contact the Lands, Planning and Development Department.