



What is considered livestock?

Livestock includes cattle, sheep, goats, swine, horses, donkeys, mules, domestic ungulates, rabbits, or other fur-bearing animals.

What is considered poultry?

Poultry includes chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, pigeons, or other domestic fowl.

Can I keep livestock and poultry on my property?

The keeping of livestock and poultry is only permitted on properties zoned Agricultural (AR1) and Rural (AR2).

Residentially zoned properties are permitted to keep backyard hens as per the Animal Control Bylaw. Animals such as rabbits kept as pets are also permitted.

How many livestock or poultry can I keep on my Agricultural (AR1) property?

Agriculture and Intensive Agriculture are permitted uses in the AR1 zone.

There are no limits on the number of livestock or poultry permitted on AR1 zoned properties.

There are limits on the siting of agricultural buildings for the housing of livestock and poultry.

How many livestock or poultry can I keep on my Rural (AR2) property?

Agriculture is a permitted use in the AR2 zone, but the number of livestock or poultry is limited to no more than the equivalent of 3 Agricultural Units (AU) per hectare (ha) to a maximum of 10 AU.

One (1) Agricultural Unit (AU) is the equivalent to the following:

- 25 poultry (1 poultry = 0.04 AU)
- 20 fur-bearing animals (1 fur-bearing animal = 0.05 AU)
- 0.66 of a cow or bull (1 cow/bull = 1.5 AU)
- 1 swine
- 1 horse, donkey, mule, domestic ungulate, or other farmed game animal
- 3 sheep or goats (1 sheep or goat = 0.33 AU)

For the purposes of this definition, a mothering animal and its pre-weaned offspring are counted as one animal.

A property owner can have any combination of livestock and poultry, provided they do not exceed 3 AU per hectare (ha), to a maximum of 10 AU.



Example:

Property = 1.961 ha (19,610 m²)

AU = 1.961 ha x 3 AU per hectare = 5.88 AU maximum for the property

5.88 AU = any one of the following:

3 cows (5.88 x 0.66 = 3.88) or

5 horses (5.88 x 1 = 5.88) or

17 sheep (5.88 x 3 = 17.64) or

147 chickens (5.88 x 25 = 147)

Or a combination such as:

2 cows = 3 AU (2 x 1.5),

3 sheep = 0.99 AU (3 x 0.33), and

22 chickens = 0.88 AU (22 x 0.04)

Total = 5.87 AU (the remaining 0.01

does not represent a whole animal and is therefore unused)

HOW DO I KNOW WHAT MY PROPERTY IS ZONED?

Go to <https://www.terrace.ca/terramap> to find TerraMap, the online mapping application.

- To learn more about TerraMap, see [Fact Sheet #DS-01 – TerraMap](#)

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