Required Agricultural Practices (RAPs)

2nd Draft Farm Size Definition Factsheet



What Farm Size are You?



Regulatory Authority

Local Zoning may apply authority to Non-RAP Operations (NROs).

NOT Required to follow the RAPs.

Agency of Agriculture, Food & Market (VAAFM) regulates RAP Farm Operations (RFOs).

Farm MUST follow RAPs.

VAAFM regulates Certified SFOs.

Farm needs to ANNUALLY Self-Certify

-AND -MUST follow RAPs.

VAAFM regulates MFOs.

Farm needs a MFO General Permit - AND -MUST follow permit and RAPs.

VAAFM regulates LFOs.

Farm needs a LFO Individual Permit - AND -MUST follow permit and RAPs.

Type of Farm

Non-RAP Operations (NRO)



RAP Farm Operations (RFO)



Certified Small Farm Operations (SFO)



Permitted Medium Farm Operations (MFO)



Permitted Large Farm Operations (LFO)



Requirements Needed to Meet Farm Type

Operates LESS THAN 4 acres used for farming AND has animal numbers below RAP Farm Operation (Example: 1-4 cows; 1-3 horses; 1-99 layers)

Makes LESS THAN \$2,000 Annual Gross Income AND did NOT file a 1040F once in the last 2 years.

Operates 4-9.99 acres that are used for farming AND Meets RAP Animal Numbers (Example: 5-50 cows)

- **OR** Regardless of acreage, any farming operation that makes more than \$2,000 Annual Gross Income
- **OR** -

Has an Approved Business Management Plan
- OR -

10+ Acres used for non annual cropland

Operates 10+ acres used for farming - AND -

Livestock Farm: (Example: 50-199 cows)

Commodity Crop Farm: Using nutrients to grow annual commodity crops not for human consumption **- OR -**

Produce Farm: A farm which must follow the Produce Safety Rule of FSMA

Meet Animal Numbers for MFO (Example: 200-699 Cows)

Meet Animal Numbers for LFO (Example: 700+ Cows)





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TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS DRAFT-SHEET

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What Trainings and Certifications Will You Need?





SMALL FARM CERTIFICATION



FARM OPERATOR TRAINING

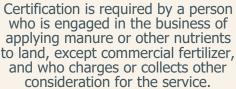


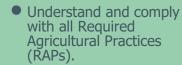
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All farms meeting the Certified Small Farm Operations (SFOs) definition will certify that the farm is in compliance will all Required Agricultural Practices (RAPs).

Training will be for all Certified Small Farm Operations (SFOs), Medium Farm Operations (MFOs), and Large Farm Operations (LFOs).





- Required to notify the Secretary of any changes in ownership or land base, including changes to leased land of the farm within 30 days.
- Meets training requirements of the Farm Operator Training.

- Regulatory requirements of farm operations and financial assistance available to meet requirements.
- Prevention of discharges.
- Methods and techniques used to minimize nutrient runoff.
- Management of stormwater runoff.
- Knowledge of weather & soil conditions that increase risk of runoff.
- Understand the value of following Nutrient Management Plans (NMPs).

and who charges or collects other consideration for the service.
 Will learn and must demonstrate knowledge of Required

Agricultural Practices (RAPs) and

NRCS 590 Nutrient Management

 Will learn and must demonstrate competency in methods and techniques to ensure appropriate nutrient application in compliance

with environmental standards.

 Be able to train all employees and seasonal workers in methods and techniques to meet RAPs and NRCS Nutrient Application Standards.

Certification shall be valid for 5 years.

Shall obtain 8 hours of approved training in every 5 year period.

Shall certify annually and shall be inspected within 10 years of initial certification.

Shall obtain 4 hours of approved training at least every 5 years.

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