Do I Need to Certify as a Small Farm under RAPs?

Follow the diagram below to determine your farm classification size, and visit <u>Agriculture.Vermont.gov/sfo</u> for more information.

Do you use 10 or more acres of land for farming?

Do you farm 4.0 contiguous acres or more?

OR

Do you have an annual gross income of \$2,000 or more from the sale of agricultural products?

OR

Have you filed a 1040(F) in the past 2 years?

Do you have more than 50 acres of annual cropland (corn, sweet corn, soybean, or pumpkin)

YES

OR

Do you have more than 50 acres vegetable production?

OR

Do you have at least the following animal numbers?

- 50 mature dairy cows
- 75 youngstock or heifers
- 75 yeal calves
- 75 cattle or cow/calf pairs
- 188 swine weighing more than 55 pounds
- 750 swine weighing less than 55 pounds
- 40 equines
- 750 sheep or goats
- 4,125 turkeys
- 2,250 laying hens or broilers or 375 ducks (w/ liquid manure system)
- 6,250 laying hens or broilers or 2,500 ducks (w/out a liquid manure system)

YES

• A combination of animals with total live weight exceeding 90,000 pounds

You are required to follow the RAPs but are not required to obtain a certification.

YES

SMALL FARM OPERATION (SFO)

You are not required to follow the RAPs unless you have a water quality issue.

NO

NON-RAP OPERATION (NRO)

You are required to follow the RAPs and to annually certify compliance which includes;

NO

- ✓ Certification Form
- ✓ Developing a 590 NMP plan,
- ✓ Obtaining 4 hours of approved water quality training at least once every 5 years,
 - Being scheduled for inspection once every 7 years

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CERTIFIED SMALL FARM OPERATION (CSFO)

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