

**Farm Determination Form**

Farm/Business Name: <input style="width:95%;" type="text"/>	Owner/Operator Name: <input style="width:95%;" type="text"/>
House/Barn Phone: <input style="width:95%;" type="text"/>	Cell Phone Number: <input style="width:95%;" type="text"/>
Email Address: <input style="width:95%;" type="text"/>	
Mailing Address: <input style="width:95%;" type="text"/>	Main Farm E911 Address: <input style="width:95%;" type="text"/>

What is your preferred method of communication with the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets (VAAFMT)?

Email     
  United States Postal Service     
  Fax #-----

Town Zoning Administrator Name:

Zoning Administrator Email:

Zoning Administrator Phone:

Why are you requesting a Farm Determination from VAAFMT? *Write in space below.*

  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  

**FARM DETERMINATION**

Please indicate which of these minimum thresholds in Section 3.1 of the RAPS that your operation meets:

- (b) has produced an annual gross income from the sale of agricultural products of \$2,000.00 or more in an average year; or
- (c) is preparing, tilling, fertilizing, planting, protecting, irrigating, and harvesting crops for sale on a farm that is no less than 4.0 contiguous acres in size; or
- (d) is raising, feeding, or managing at least the following number of adult livestock on a farm that is no less than 4.0 contiguous acres in size: (1) four equines; (2) five cattle, cows, or American bison; (3) 15 swine; (4) 15 goats; (5) 15 sheep; (6) 15 cervids; (7) 50 turkeys; 12 (8) 50 geese; (9) 100 laying hens; (10) 250 broilers, pheasant, Chukar partridge, or Coturnix quail; (11) three camelids; (12) four ratites; (13) 30 rabbits; (14) 100 ducks; (15) 1,000 pounds of cultured trout; or
- (e) is raising, feeding, or managing other livestock types, combinations, and numbers, or managing crops or engaging in other agricultural practices on less than 4.0 contiguous acres in size that the Secretary has determined, after the opportunity for a hearing, to be causing adverse water quality impacts and in a municipality where no ordinances are in place to manage the activities causing the water quality impacts; or
- (f) is managed by a farmer filing with the Internal Revenue Service a 1040(F) income tax statement in at least one of the past two years

**FARM DESCRIPTION***Use this space to describe your farm operation.***FARMING ACTIVITIES**

Indicate which of the following activities are occurring on your farming operation:

- (a) the cultivation or other use of land for growing food, fiber, Christmas trees, maple sap, or horticultural, viticultural, and orchard crops; or
- (b) the raising, feeding, or management of livestock, poultry, fish, or bees; or
- (c) the operation of greenhouses; or
- (d) the production of maple syrup; or
- (e) the on-site storage, preparation, and sale of agricultural products principally produced on the farm; or
- (f) the on-site storage, preparation, production, and sale of fuel or power from agricultural products or wastes principally produced on the farm; or
- (g) the raising, feeding, or management of four or more equines owned or boarded by the farmer, including training, showing, instruction and lessons.

**TYPE AND NUMBER OF ANIMALS**If you selected (b) raising, feeding, or management of livestock, poultry, fish, or bees above, please report **maximum numbers of each type of animal** present on your farm in the previous 12 months:

Type	Number	Type	Number
Mature Dairy Cows (lactating and dry)		Sheep or Lambs	
Youngstock or Heifers		Turkeys	
Veal Calves		Chickens (w/ liquid system)	
Cattle or Cow/Calf Pairs		Chickens (w/out liquid system)	
Swine (55 lb. or more)		Ducks (w/ liquid system)	
Swine (under 55 lb.)		Ducks (w/out liquid system)	
Horses		Other:	

**FIELDS**

Please report **acreage of each type of crop** present on your farm in the previous 12 months:

<u>Crop</u>	<u># of Acres</u>	<u>Crop</u>	<u># of Acres</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Hay	-----	<input type="checkbox"/> Hemp	-----
<input type="checkbox"/> Corn	-----	<input type="checkbox"/> Trees/Syrup	-----
<input type="checkbox"/> Pasture	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetables, Berries	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	_____

Total number of acres: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the information provided here is, to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate, and complete.

Applicant Name (please print):

Signature of Applicant:  Date:

NOTE: Prior to construction of farm structures, the farmer must notify the zoning administrator or the town clerk of the town in which the farm structure is proposed, in writing, of the proposed construction activity. The notification must contain a sketch of the proposed structure including the setback distances from adjoining property lines, road rights-of-way, and adjacent surface water.

If your zoning administrator requests a structure determination, or your structure requires a variance, please go to the form at this link: [https://agriculture.vermont.gov/sites/agriculture/files/documents/Water\\_Quality/FarmStructure.pdf](https://agriculture.vermont.gov/sites/agriculture/files/documents/Water_Quality/FarmStructure.pdf) or click on the "Farm Structure Variance Form" box on the Farm Definitions and Determinations webpage at <https://agriculture.vermont.gov/water-quality/regulations/farm-definitions-and-determinations>

**Reminder — submit to:**

Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets  
Small Farm Operations Program  
116 State St. Montpelier, VT 05420  
**Contact Information: (802) 828-2431 or [AGR.WaterQuality@vermont.gov](mailto:AGR.WaterQuality@vermont.gov)**