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

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

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

- **NO**
  - 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?

  - **YES**
    - Do you have more than 50 acres of annual cropland (corn, sweet corn, soybean, or pumpkin)
      - **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 veal 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)
              - A combination of animals with total live weight exceeding 90,000 pounds

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

- **NO**
  - You are not required to follow the RAPs unless you have a water quality issue.

- **SMALL FARM OPERATION (SFO)**

- **NON-RAP OPERATION (NRO)**

- **CERTIFIED SMALL FARM OPERATION (CSFO)**

- You are required to follow the RAPs and to annually certify compliance which includes:
  - 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.