



Definitions – [Dayton Municipal Code 11-01.050](#)

"Farming, general" means the cultivation, breeding, raising and production for commercial purposes of plants, animals, fish and products from plants, animals and fish, but excluding feedlots.

"Feedlot" means any land, structure, pen or corral where more than five animals are maintained in close and confined quarters with less space than required in [DMC section 11-03.100\(A\)](#) (animal densities).

"Livestock" means domesticated animals, such as horses, cows, goats, and sheep. Swine is not allowed to be raised or cared for within the city limits.

"Pet, household" means a domesticated animal of ordinary species that lives, or is commonly known to be capable of living, within the confines of a residence. Animals considered to be common household pets include but are not necessarily limited to the following: dogs, cats, rabbits, indoor birds, small rodents, nonvenomous reptiles or amphibians and fish, and potbellied pigs. Animals not considered a domesticated animal of ordinary species that lives, or not commonly known to be capable of living within the confines of a residence are not allowed as pets. Animals not allowed as pets include but are not necessarily limited to the following: horses, cows, goats, sheep, swine, donkeys, full size swine, chickens, roosters, endangered or exotic species (not listed above) and any similar species.

"Production animals –Small" means small domesticated animals, such as chickens, roosters, rabbits, or other similar animals or fowl, but does not include pets.

Animals permitted within residential zones – [Dayton Municipal Code 11-03.020](#)

Use Chart	Residential Zones	
	AR	UR
AR – Agricultural Residential		
UR – Urban Residential		
<u>Residential Uses</u>		
Pets, household	Accessory use	Accessory use
<u>Agricultural Uses</u>		
General farming	Permitted outright	Accessory use
Feedlots	Not allowed	Not allowed
Large sized livestock	Permitted outright	Not allowed
Moderate sized livestock	Permitted outright	Accessory use
Small production animals	Permitted outright	Accessory use

Animal densities – Livestock and production animals and household pet restrictions – Dayton Municipal Code 11-03.100

- A. Livestock and production animal restrictions. Livestock and production animals such as horses, cows, goats, sheep and fowl are allowed subject to DMC 11-03.020 and as follows:
1. In the AR zone, large sized livestock animals such as a horse, cow or similar-sized animals require a minimum of 40,000 square feet of usable pasture area for the first large animal with an additional minimum usable pasture area of 20,000 square feet per each additional large animal.
  2. In the AR zone, moderate sized livestock animals such as a sheep, goat or similar-sized animals totaling 200 pounds or less require a minimum of 10,000 square feet of usable pasture for the first moderate sized animal with an additional minimum usable pasture area of 5,000 square feet per each additional animal.
  3. In the UR zone, moderate sized livestock animals such as sheep, goats or similar-sized animals totaling 200 pounds or less will only be allowed where the lot, or combination of lots owned by the same person and where the livestock will be kept, has at least 10,000 square feet of usable pasture (open space) for the first moderate sized animal with an additional minimum usable pasture area of 5,000 square feet per each additional animal, to a maximum of three moderate sized livestock.
    - a) Fencing shall be of a non-penetrable type so as to reduce nuisance impact on adjacent land uses.
    - b) Male moderate size livestock must be de-scented and/or neutered using humane standards.
    - c) All confinement areas shall be kept in a manner as not to cause a noise, odor, or visual nuisance with respect to neighboring property. All enclosure areas shall be kept clean.
    - d) Food and animal waste must be removed to keep the areas free from insect infestations, rodents or disease, as well as to prevent obnoxious or foul odors, and must not constitute a nuisance. Manure shall not be allowed in any place where it can affect any source of drinking water.
    - e) Offspring of animals legally permitted under this chapter may be kept for a period not to exceed four months. Beyond this period, offspring must meet the per-animal limitations of this chapter.
  4. Small sized production animals such as chickens, rabbits or similar sized animals:
    - a) In the UR zone, a maximum of six small production animals are allowed on a lot 7,200 square feet or larger. A variance may be requested to allow small production animals on a substandard sized lot in the UR zone.
    - b) In the AR zone, a minimum of 100 square feet of useable fenced or enclosed area is required for the first small production animal with an additional minimum area of 50 square feet per each additional animal.
  5. The calculation of the number of livestock and production animals allowed shall be cumulative and the aggregate of the total number of animals shall not exceed

the densities allowed in this section. For example, a 10,000 square foot lot in the UR zone may allow for six chickens or one goat, but not both.

6. Swine are prohibited.
  7. No feedlots or similar dense animal-raising facilities or operations are permitted.
  8. Shelters, fenced areas or corrals for animals may be built 25 feet or more from a property line or 50 feet or more from an existing residential building on adjacent properties. Except that, a shelter, fenced area or corral for six or fewer small production animals may be located 15 feet from a side or rear property line and 20 feet from a front property line.
- B. Household pets. Household pets including but not limited to dogs, cats, indoor birds, small rodents, nonvenomous reptiles or amphibians, fish, and potbellied pigs, subject to the following standards and limitations:
1. Three dogs per residence, regardless of lot size.
  2. Full-size swine are prohibited.
  3. Goats are prohibited except as allowed in [subsection] A.3., above.
  4. Reptiles or amphibians weighing more than ten pounds are prohibited.
  5. A maximum of three household pets may be housed outside the residence in a shelter or fenced area.
- C. Livestock, small production animals and pets are subject to the provisions of DMC chapter 6-8, animal control.
- D. Any person or persons being the owner or having possession or control of any livestock found in violation of section 11-30.100, above, shall be subject to penalties as listed in title 21: code compliance.

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