



PLY MOUTH FARM AND LIVESTOCK COMPACT

WHAT IS THE LIVESTOCK COMPACT?

The Plymouth Farm and Livestock Compact is a voluntary agreement to manage family and small commercial farms using Best Farming Practices; *in lieu of implementation of additional regulations.*

- Farming with the Compact means:
- The Compact is an agreement between the Town of Plymouth and individual farmers.
- The farmer will agree to prepare, sign and farm in accordance with the compact.
- The farmer will agree to use best farming practices and operate their farms in an ethical, humane, and nurturing manner.
- The farmer agrees to comply with the 15 stated Compact requirements.
As long as the farmer is conducting their operation according to the Compact, they are immune to any future nuisance complaints.
- Any farmer who chooses not to participate is free to do so, but they are open to any nuisance complaints.

PLYMOUTH GENERAL BYLAWS:

CHAPTER 63 SECTIONS 1 & 2



THE RIGHT TO FARM BYLAW.. ENCOURAGES THE PURSUIT OF AGRICULTURE, PROMOTES AGRICULTURAL BASED ECONOMIC OPPURTUNITIES, AND PROTECTS FARMING IN THE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH BY ALLOWING AGRICULTURAL USES AND RELATED ACTIVITIES TO FUNCTION IN MINIMAL CONFLICT WITH ABUTTERS AND TOWN AGENCIES. THE BYLAW SHALL APPLY TO ALL JURISDICTIONAL AREAS WITHIN THE TOWN.

The words "farming" and "agriculture" shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

Cultivation of tilling of the soil

Dairying

Production, cultivation, growing and harvesting of any agricultural, aquacultural, floricultural, viticultural, or horticultural commodities

Growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land, and other forestry and lumbering operations

Raising and keeping of horses

Raising and keeping of livestock including poultry, swine, cattle, ratites (such as emus and ostriches) and camelids (such as llamas and camels) and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees and furbearing animals.

"Farming" shall encompass activities including but not limited to:
operation and transportation of slow-moving farm equipment over roads within town
control of pests, including but not limited to insects, weeds, predators and diseased organisms of plants and animals
application of manure, fertilizers and pesticides
conducting agricultural-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including agri-tourism, provided that the activities are related to marketing the agricultural products or services of the farm
processing and packaging of the agricultural output of a Farmers' operation or a farmers' market or farm stand including signage.
Maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used expressly for the purpose of propagation, processing, management or sale of the agricultural products
On-Farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations.

PLYMOUTH GENERAL BYLAWS:

CHAPTER 63-3

RIGHT TO FARM DECLARATION

The Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exists within the Town of Plymouth.

The above-described agricultural activites may occur on holidays, weekdays and weekends by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust, and fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. It is hereby determined that whatever the impact may be caused to others through the normal practice of agriculture is more than offset by the benefits of farming to the neighborhood, community, and society in general.

FUTURE DISPUTES WILL BE HANDLED BY
THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

NUISANCE FACTORS

NOISE: BREED SELECTION, PURPOSE BUILT STRUCTURES

SMELL: REGULAR CLEANING SCHEDULE, WASTE MANAGEMENT

CONTAINMENT: SECURE STRUCTURES, LIVESTOCK AND PEST FENCING

POLLUTION: CONTAINED WASTE AND RUN OFF, PLANNED DISPOSAL

PRESS RELEASE
ON FEBRUARY 18 2025 THE PLYMOUTH BOH
RECIDDED ALL LIVESTOCK REGULATIONS
GIVING THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION FULL
RESPONSIBILITY TO MEDIATE ANY DISPUTES.

15 COMPACT REQUIREMENTS

1. FARM CONTACTS AND EMERGENCY NUMBERS
2. SUFFICIENT HOUSING AND YARD SPACE FOR EACH ANIMAL
3. CLEAN HOUSING AND YARD CONDITIONS
4. PREDATOR AND RODENT DETERRENCE
5. DAILY FOOD AND FRESH WATER SCHEDULING AND FEEDING
6. PROPER FOOD STORAGE
7. PROPER WASTE HANDLING AND DISPOSAL
8. NOISE MITIGATION EFFORTS
9. PROPER HEALTH MANAGEMENT
10. REGULAR HEALTH CHECKS
11. VACCINATION SCHEDULE AND ADMINISTRATION
12. APPROPRIATE BIOSECURITY
13. ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE PROCEDURES
14. SAFE AND HEALTHY LIVE STOCK TRANSPORTATION
15. END OF LIFE CONSIDERATION FOR LIVESTOCK
16. RECORD KEEPING
17. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH
18. COMPACT: INITIAL SIGNING AND RENEWAL

PLYMOUTH FARM & LIVESTOCK COMPACT

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Compact's version and version date.

Date of last changes to this worksheet (auto updated).

FARM INFORMATION

Farm Name:

Farm's name to appear on each worksheet.

Farmer:

Farmer's name (first name then last name).

Owner:

Farm's majority owner or legal / fiscal owning entity.

Address:

Street address of the farm office (street, city, state, zip)

Phone:

Farm office or farmer's phone number.

Email:

Farm office or farmer's email address.

Website:

Farm website or social media page, if any.

Record System:

Name, description, and/or location of the Farm's record system (Compact log).

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Vet For: Poultry

Create contact blocks for each type of livestock and/or vet.

Name:

Type of livestock.

Company:

Name of vet most familiar with this type of animal on your farm.

Phone:

Name of vet or vet's company.

Availability:

Vet's office phone and/or vet's cell phone number.

Notes detailing the vet's availability.

FARMER FRIENDS & FAMILY

Contact For: Poultry

Create contact blocks for each type of livestock and/or farm friend.

Name: Amanda - Charlie's Angels Pet Sitting

Type of livestock.

Relationship: Professional

Name of friend or family familiar with this type of animal on your farm.

Phone: 508.360.6514

Relationship to the farmer or your family.

Friend's office, home or cell phone number.

EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION

Transport For: Poultry

Create contact blocks for each type of livestock and/or transport provider.

Name: Self

Type of livestock.

Company:

Name of provider used to transport this type of animal.

Phone:

Name of provider's company.

Availability:

Provider's office and/or cell phone number.

Notes detailing the provider's availability.

EMERGENCY WASTE REMOVAL

Removal For: All Poultry Waste

Create contact blocks for each type of livestock and/or waste removal provider.

Name: Self

Type of livestock and/or type of waste.

Company:

Name of provider used to remove this type of waste.

Phone:

Name of provider's company.

Availability:

Provider's office and/or cell phone number.

Notes detailing the provider's availability.

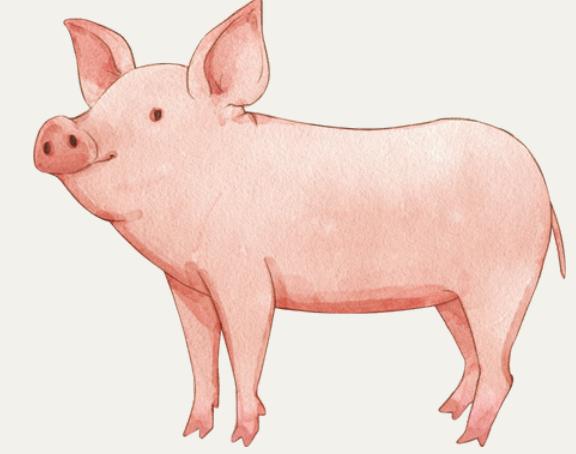


LIVESTOCK LOG EXAMPLES

Sunny Brook Menagerie Record Book 2025

Farm Info:	
Sunny Brook Menagerie	
Rebecca Nutter	
4 Admiral Byrd Rd Plymouth MA 02360	
Sunnybrookmenagerie@gmail.com	
Sunnybrookmenagerie.com	
Emergency Contact/Veterinarians	
Large Animal Vet: Dr. Dana Pantano	Pig, Cow, Goats
Black Pond Vet	
1 781 659 7798	
Small Animal Vet: Oceanside Animal Hosp.	Guinea Pigs, Ferrets, Ducks, Rabbits, Dog, Cat, Tortoise, Bearded Dragon
Any Dr.	
508 774 3838	
Farmer Friends and Family	
Goat Sitter 1 (Name)	Notes: (Details)
Goat Sitter 2 (Name)	Notes: (Details)
Goat Sitter 3 (Name)	Notes: (Details)
Goat Sitter 4 (Name)	Notes: (Details)
Emergency Transport: Goats and Cow	
Goat Driver 1 (Name)	Notes: (Details)
Goat Driver 2 (Name)	Notes: (Details)
Emergency Waste Removal	
Goat Driver 3 (Name)	Notes: (Details)
Goat Driver 4 (Name)	Notes: (Details)
Food and Watering Schedule	
Goats	Morning: Hay, Water Evening: Hay, 2 Cups Sweet Feed, 2 Cups Pellet, One Cup Zinpro, 1 Cup Ground Flax All Day: Minerals, Salt Lick, Water
Pig	Morning: 1 Cup Pellets, 1 tbsp Minerals Evening: 1 Cup Pellets, 1 tbsp Minerals All Day: Water
Cow	Morning: Hay, Water Evening: Hay, 2 Cups Sweet Feed, 2 Cups Pellet, 1 Cup Ground Flax, Water All Day: Minerals, Salt Lick
Rabbits	Morning: 1 Cup Pellets, Water, veggies Evening: Water, Veggies
Ducks	Morning: Water Evening: 2 Cups Feed mix

FARM COMPACT: STEPS TO INITIAL ADOPTION



- Read Compact document
- Confirm current livestock operations and comply with Compact Requirements
- Complete compact documentation: Farm and emergency contact information, structures: houses and yards, livestock inventory, schedules: feed, water, health, health management records (bring up to date)
- Begin tracking and documenting operations: feed, water and waste management
- Conduct a farm visit and Farm Compact walkthrough with Agricultural Commissioner
- Address noted issues or questions
- Arrange and conduct Compact sign-off
- Share Compact with Farm staff, service providers (vets), and (optionally) neighbors



DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS

- 1 Complaint received
- 2 Complaint forwarded to selectboard/AgComm
- 3 Mediation Initiated by Ag Planner and Member
- 4 Site visit conducted by Ag Planner and Member. Adjustments are made and Farmer agrees to join compact

Dispute is either resolved, or continues to non-criminal disposition.



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COMPACT!

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