

Stock - How many can I have at my property?

The number of animals you can have is dependent on the size of your property and is regulated by council's local law. Animals must be kept in a way that does not cause a noise, smell or wandering nuisance to others.

A person must not keep more than the ratio of one animal per 4000m² for horses, ponies, miniature horses, cows, steers, bulls, stallions, alpacas, llamas and camels. Sheep and goats must be kept at the ratio of no more than one animal per 1000m². All stock must be considered as a cumulative total – e.g. a 9000m² property could have 1 cow, 1 horse and 1 sheep; or 2 horses and 1 goat; or 1 horse and 5 sheep. Contact council for further information.

If you own or keep stock you must comply with the requirements of the *Biosecurity Act 2014* including identification and movement records.

Don't know the size of your property or want to know more about getting an approval for additional animals? Contact council on 07 3205 0555 for assistance.

For information on other animal types please visit www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au

| Horse/Pony/Donkey/Miniature Horse/Deer | |
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| Property size | Maximum number I can have? |
| Properties of 6,000m ² or less | 0 |
| Properties of 6,001m ² or more | Total of 1 animal per 4,000m ² |

| Cow/Steer/Alpaca/Llama/Camel | |
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| Property size | Maximum number I can have? |
| Properties of 6,000m ² or less | 0 |
| Properties of 6,001m ² or greater, up to 10,000m ² | 2 |
| Properties of 10,000m ² or greater | Total of 1 animal per 4,000m ² |

| Bull/Stallion | |
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| Property size | Maximum number I can have? |
| Properties of 10,000m ² or less | 0 |
| Properties of 10,001m ² or greater | Total of 1 animal per 4,000m ² |

| Sheep/Goat | |
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| Property size | Maximum number I can have? |
| Properties of 3,000m ² or less | 0 |
| Properties of 3,001m ² or greater, up to 8,000m ² | 4 |
| Properties of 8,001m ² or greater | 1 sheep/goat per 1,000m ² |

| Pig/Miniature Pig | | |
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| Property size | How many pigs / miniature pigs can I have? | |
| | As of right | With approval by Council |
| Properties of 39,999m ² or less | 0 | 0 |
| Properties of 40,000m ² or greater | 0 | Yes |

Primary Producers

Prohibitions and the requirement for an approval for the keeping of animals do not apply to animals maintained or kept for the purpose of primary production.

Primary producer

(a) means a person primarily engaged in the occupation of a —

(i) dairy farmer; or

(ii) wheat, maize or cereal grower; or

(iii) cane grower; or

(iv) fruit grower; or

(v) grazier; or

(vi) farmer, whether engaged in general or mixed farming, cotton, potato, or vegetable growing, or poultry or pig raising; and

(b) includes a person engaged in primary production.

Keeping of stock

Including cattle, horses, sheep, goats, alpaca, buffalo, camels, deer, donkeys, llama, mules or similar animals.

Moreton Bay Regional Council Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011 requires that all livestock owners provide a proper enclosure to confine their stock on their property.

If you own or keep stock you must comply with the requirements of the Biosecurity Act 2014 including identification and movement records.

As a stock owner you must be registered with Biosecurity Queensland as a biosecurity entity.

Once you're registered as a biosecurity entity, you'll receive a unique property identification code (PIC) that is associated with the land where you keep your animal(s).

Wandering stock that are not kept safely behind a fence:

- are at risk of being injured
- could cause injury to people
- could cause damage to property or
- become a traffic hazard to motorists.

Stock identification

All stock must have a [National Livestock Identification System \(NLIS\)](#) accredited identification device.

- NLIS accredited devices for cattle must be an electronic Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID). This can be either a single ear tag, or a rumen bolus/visual ear tag combination.
- NLIS accredited devices for sheep and goats can be either an electronic Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID) device or a visual (non-electronic) tag. Sheep and goats can only be identified by ear tags/devices.

Fencing requirements

Enclosures built specifically for the keeping of stock are to be maintained to an acceptable structural condition to ensure the stock cannot escape. They are to be:

- high enough to prevent stock from escaping over the fence
- low enough to prevent stock from escaping under the fence and
- strong enough to prevent stock from pushing the fence over and escaping from the property.

Wandering stock

It is a requirement under Council's Local Law that stock must be under effective control when in a public place. Allowing your stock to wander is an offence and may result in an infringement being issued.

Deer and pigs, when wandering off property, are classed as feral. Feral pigs and deer are restricted invasive animals under the *Biosecurity Act 2014* and will be dealt with accordingly.

Impounded stock

Members of the community have a right to contact council in order to have wandering stock impounded. If your stock is missing or has escaped their enclosure, please contact the Dakabin Animal Pound on 07 3480 6450 or Council on 07 3205 0555.

Liability

Many stock owners don't realise they are legally responsible for everything their stock does, especially when it is outside their property, and can be held liable for any damages or injuries if a civil action is taken.