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 4000m^2 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 1000m^2. All stock must be considered as a cumulative total – e.g. a 9000m^2 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? Visit www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/animal-allowance or 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	
Property size	**Maximum number I can have?**
Properties of 4999m2 or less	0
Properties of 5000m2 or more	Total of 1 animal per 4,000m^2

Cow/Steer/Alpaca/Llama/Camel	
Property size	**Maximum number I can have?**
Properties of 5,999m^2 or less	0
Properties of 6000m^2 or greater	Total of 1 animal per 4,000m^2

Bull/Stallion	
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	
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	Total of 1 animal per 1,000m^2

Pig/Miniature Pig	
Property size	**Maximum number I can have?**
Properties of 19,000m^2 or less	0
Properties of 20,001m^2 or greater	1

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.

Animal Management Subordinate Local Law 2023 requires that all livestock owners provide a proper enclosure to confine their stock on their property. Stock must have a distinguishing brand, bolus, ear tag and/or be mircrochipped.

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.

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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 managed 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.

For more information

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