

Healthy animals for healthy people and communities

FEEDING FOOD WASTE TO LIVESTOCK

Feeding food waste to livestock can be economical, nutritious and environmentally friendly, but this practice also has the potential to spread disease.

In order to prevent the introduction and spread of foreign and domestic livestock disease, the Minnesota Board of Animal Health (BAH) regulates feeding food waste that contains animal ingredients and by-products.

Producers who wish to feed food waste to livestock must first obtain a permit from BAH. BAH agents conduct regular inspections of permitted facilities which ensure:

- ✓ Food waste containing meat or that has come into contact with meat is processed by cooking to at least 212°F for at least 30 minutes.
- ✓ Processed and unprocessed food waste is separated and stored appropriately.
- ✓ Pests are kept away from unprocessed food waste.
- ✓ Feeding areas and trucks are cleaned and sanitized as needed.
- ✓ Trucks used for hauling food waste over public roads are leak-proof.
- ✓ Records are maintained pertaining to the feeding of food waste to livestock and the purchase and sale of livestock.
- ✓ All livestock on the farm appear healthy.
- ✓ Unconsumed food waste and dead livestock are disposed of properly.

Producers who wish to feed food waste to livestock, or anyone with questions regarding BAH regulations should contact us at 651-296-2942 or animalhealth@state.mn.us.



CLASS A Garbage Feeders

Contains meat
or meat contact.

212°F for at least
30 minutes



CLASS B Exempt Materials Feeders

Does not contain meat
and no meat contact.



Contact BAH:

651-296-2942

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