

SPACE REQUIREMENTS & BODY CONDITION SCORING FOR RAISING LIVESTOCK

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SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR CATTLE

RAISING LIVESTOCK

CALVES	FINISHERS & BRED HEIFERS	MATURE COWS
Shelter and Lot Space	Shelter and Lot Space	Shelter and Lot Space
15 to 20 square feet	20 to 25 square feet	20 to 25 square feet
Outdoor Space	Outdoor Space	Outdoor Space
300 to 600 square feet	400 to 800 square feet	500 to 800 square feet
<i>5 Calves</i>	<i>5 Steers & 5 Bred Heifers</i>	<i>5 Mature Cows</i>
100 sq. ft. Shelter Space 2,500 sq. ft. Outdoor Space	250 sq. ft. Shelter Space 6,000 sq. ft. Outdoor Space	125 sq. ft. Shelter Space 3,500 sq. ft. Outdoor Space

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SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR POULTRY

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Broiler	Egg Layer	Turkey	Ducks & Geese
Shelter Space	Shelter Space	Shelter Space	Shelter Space
1 to 2 square feet	1 ½ to 3 square feet	3 to 5 square feet	3 to 6 square feet
Outdoor Space	Outdoor Space	Outdoor Space	Outdoor Space
4 to 10 square feet	4 to 10 square feet	18 to 25 square feet	15 to 18 square feet
<i>15 Broilers</i>	<i>Layers</i>	<i>10 Turkeys</i>	<i>10 Ducks</i>
30 sq. ft. Shelter Space 120 sq. ft. Outdoor Space	30 sq. ft. Shelter Space 80 sq. ft. Outdoor Space	40 sq. ft. Shelter Space 200 sq. ft. Outdoor Space	50 sq. ft. Shelter Space 170 sq. ft. Outdoor Space

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SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR SHEEP & GOATS

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Adult	Female w/ Baby	Feeder Lamb/Kid
Shelter Space	Shelter Space	Shelter Space
15 to 20 square feet	15 to 20 square feet	8 to 10 square feet
Outdoor Space	Outdoor Space	Outdoor Space
25 to 40 square feet	30 to 50 square feet	20 to 30 square feet
<i>25 Adults</i>	<i>10 Pairs</i>	<i>35 Lamb/Kid</i>
500 sq. ft. Shelter Space 875 sq. ft. Outdoor Space	250 sq. ft. Shelter Space 500 sq. ft. Outdoor Space	350 sq. ft. Shelter Space 1,050 sq. ft. Outdoor Space

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SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR SWINE

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Adult	Nursery Piglet	Feeder & Finisher
Shelter Space	Shelter Space	Shelter Space
8 to 40 square feet	3 to 4 square feet	5 to 6 square feet
Outdoor Space	Outdoor Space	Outdoor Space
14 to 40 square feet	6 to 8 square feet	12 to 15 square feet
<i>3 Adults</i>	<i>10 Piglets</i>	<i>3 Feeders & 2 Finishers</i>
90 sq. ft. Shelter Space 120 sq. ft. Outdoor Space	40 sq. ft. Shelter Space 80 sq. ft. Outdoor Space	30 sq. ft. Shelter Space 75 sq. ft. Outdoor Space

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SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR RABBITS

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Adult & Fryer	Doe with Kits
Meat Breeds	Meat Breeds
4 ft ² by 14 in. high	6 ft ² by 14 in. high
Giant Breeds	Giant Breeds
5 ft ² by 14 in. high	8 ft ² by 14 in. high
<i>3 Adults</i>	<i>3 Does with Kits</i>
12 sq. ft. Meat Breeds 15 sq. ft. Meat Breeds	18 sq. ft. Meat Breeds 24 sq. ft. Meat Breeds

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BODY CONDITION SCORING

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- Observe and evaluate
- Management program
- Herd and individual health
- Nutritional program

1. Back 3. Pins 5. Ribs
2. Tail Head 4. Hooks 6. Brisket

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BODY CONDITION SCORING

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- Cattle
- 1 through 8 scale
- 5 & 6 are ideal

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BODY CONDITION SCORING

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- Sheep and Goats
- 1 through 5 scale
- 5 & 6 are ideal

Body Condition Scores – Sheep/Goats

Condition 1 - Emaciated Condition 2 - Thin Condition 3 - Average Condition 4 - Fat Condition 5 - Obese

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- Pigs
- 1 through 5 scale
- 3 is ideal

Score	Condition	Detection of ribs, backbone, "H" bones, and "pin" bones
1	Emaciated	Obvious
2	Thin	Easily detected with pressure
3	Ideal	Barely felt with firm pressure
4	Fat	None
5	Overly fat	None

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- Horses
- 1 through 5 scale
- 3 is ideal

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