

Animal Units Simplified

(How many animals = 1 AU)

- **Dairy Cows (milking with followers):** 1 AU = **0.5 cows** (or 2 cows = 1 AU)
- **Beef Cows (with followers):** 1 AU = **0.8 cows** (or $\sim 1\frac{1}{4}$ cows = 1 AU)
- **Backgrounder cattle:** 1 AU = **2 head**
- **Heifers on summer pasture:** 1 AU = **1.6 heifers**
- **Feeder cattle:** 1 AU = **1.3 head**

Hogs:

- **Sows (farrow to finish):** 1 AU = **0.8 sows** (or $\sim 1\frac{1}{4}$ sows = 1 AU)
- **Sows (farrow to weanling):** 1 AU = **4 sows**
- **Sows (farrow to nursery):** 1 AU = **3.2 sows**
- **Weanling pigs:** 1 AU = **30 piglets**
- **Growers/finishers:** 1 AU = **7 pigs**
- **Boars (AI use):** 1 AU = **5 boars**

Chickens:

- **Broilers (meat birds):** 1 AU = **200 birds**
- **Roasters:** 1 AU = **100 birds**
- **Layers (egg hens):** 1 AU = **120 hens**
- **Pullets (young hens):** 1 AU = **300 pullets**
- **Broiler breeder pullets:** 1 AU = **300 birds**
- **Broiler breeder hens:** 1 AU = **100 hens**

Turkeys:

- **Broilers:** 1 AU = **100 birds**
- **Heavy toms:** 1 AU = **50 birds**
- **Heavy hens:** 1 AU = **100 hens**

Horses:

- **Mares (with followers):** 1 AU = **0.75 mares** (or $\sim 1\frac{1}{3}$ mares = 1 AU)

Sheep:

- **Ewes (with followers):** 1 AU = **5 ewes**
- **Feeder lambs:** 1 AU = **16 lambs**