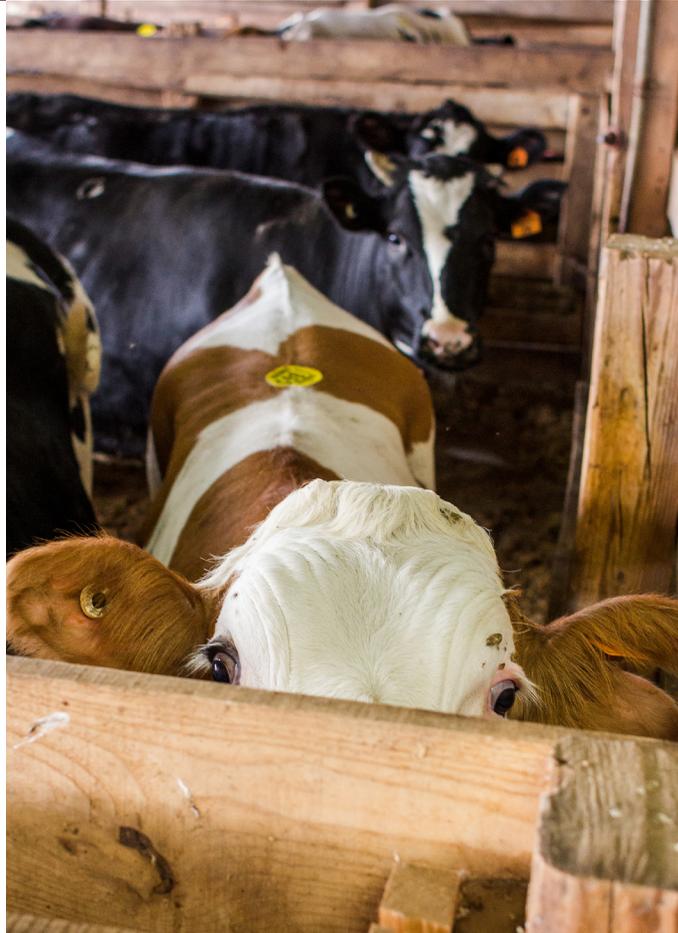


Registration and Fees

Licenses must be renewed annually prior to the expiration date of September 30. A renewal application will be mailed annually, to your address on record.

| Type | Cost | Activities |
|-------------------------------------|-------|---|
| Auction (Class I) | \$400 | Livestock are brought to a facility where they are consigned and sold by auction |
| Buying Station (Class II) | \$250 | Livestock are brought to a facility where they are purchased by the owner of the facility for the purpose of movement or sale |
| Dealer (Class III) | \$50* | Livestock are purchased and re-sold within 21 days |
| Broker (Class III) | \$50* | Livestock sales and/or transport are negotiated through a facilitator |
| Collection Point (Class III) | \$50* | Livestock are brought to a facility for the purpose of transfer and movement |
| Trucker (Class IV) | \$25* | Livestock are transported on behalf of another person |

**Class III and IV license fees are waived for honorably discharged U.S. veterans if a copy of your DD214 is submitted with a completed application.*



Applying for a License

1. Request a new livestock licensing application from MDARD. Review all materials and contact MDARD’s Livestock Markets Program with any questions at 800-292-3939.
2. Submit your completed packet, along with any fees, to the address provided on the forms, and MDARD will begin processing your application.
3. Once your application has been fully processed your license will be provided to you and you may begin conducting business.

Additionally:

- Classes I, II and III may need to be federally licensed. Contact U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Packers and Stockyards Program at 515-323-2579.
- Classes operating a commercial motor vehicle may need a USDOT number. For more information, contact the Michigan State Police’s Motor Carrier Division at 517-284-3250.

**For more information:
Livestock Markets Program**

Michigan Department of
Agriculture and Rural
Development (MDARD)

800-292-3939

P.O. Box 30017
Lansing, MI 48909

Hauling and Marketing Animals in Michigan

During animal disease outbreaks, records assist animal health officials in stopping the spread of the disease and limiting the impact to the agricultural community.

Who needs to be licensed:

Individuals who:

- Haul other individuals' livestock more than five times a year
- Buy livestock which are then re-sold within 21 days
- Host livestock auctions or consignment sales
- Sell or buy livestock for another individual

4-H and breed organizations are exempt from licensing. Contact MDARD's Livestock Markets Program for additional exemptions.

Livestock includes farmed deer, aquaculture, equine, cattle, goats, sheep and swine.

Records

Complete and accurate records allow officials to trace a disease and quickly minimize the impact to fellow farmers and the food supply.

All records need to include the following:

- Animal's description (species, breed, age or type, and gender)
- Date and source location (full name and address from where the animal was acquired)
- Copies of all required tests, movement certificates and permits
- Date and delivery location (full name and address of where the animal was delivered)

Classes I and II also need to include the following:

- Animal's official identification or USDA-approved backtags (recommended but not required for classes III and IV)
- If sold by weight, animal's official weight

All records should be kept for five years.

MDARD Inspections

What to expect:

- Records check
- Equipment and facilities inspection
- Biosecurity practices review
- Animal handling discussion

Animal Movement

What to expect:

There are regulations for intrastate, interstate and international movement of livestock species.

More information may be found at www.michigan.gov/animalimport.



Biosecurity

You can protect your business by practicing good biosecurity and minimizing the spread and impact of a disease. By implementing the following practices, you can enhance your business' biosecurity.

- Clean and disinfect your equipment
- Schedule regular cleanings
- Use appropriate disinfectants
- Avoid driving through sloppy areas, when possible
- If you have livestock at home, be careful to keep your equipment separate and change your clothes

Classes I and II should also:

- Regularly clean barns and pens
- Prevent staff from entering producers' trailers
- Designate parking for trucks/trailers

Remember:

People can carry disease. It's important to wash your hands and disinfect your boots.

