



Prospective Dairy Goat Producer Meeting Mar. 2017

An overview of requirements

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Ontario Industry Statistics

- Currently 275 Grade A farms
 - More to start soon
- Approx. 46 million L in 2016
 - Produced by 255 farms
- Significant investment by producers and processors

Goat Milk Production Requirements

- Understand the regulatory requirements:
 - *Milk Act* (Ontario)
 - Ontario Regulation 761 – Milk and Milk Products
- Process for becoming Grade A producer
- Key contacts
- Summary

The *Milk Act* (Ontario)

- Basis of regulatory framework for milk production in Ontario
- Defines 'milk' as milk from cows or goats
- Defines powers of inspectors

www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90m12

Regulation 761

- Defines producer responsibilities
- Defines inspector responsibilities
- Contains production requirements
 - Tank size, drains, floors, etc.
- Some sections only apply to cow milk

www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/900761

Process for becoming Grade A producer

Do your research and plan ahead:

- Contact OMAFRA to obtain a Goat Milk Producer Information package
- Contact milk brokers-secure your market!
- Contact equipment suppliers
- Contact other producers
- Financial planning - Ontario Goat Cost of Production study

Process for becoming Grade A producer

- OMAFRA will perform a site visit and review plans
- Work closely with equipment supplier and OMAFRA
- Other Regulations
 - Nutrient Management Act
 - Building Code and Act
 - Disposal of Deadstock Act

Process for becoming Grade A producer

- Premise must meet ALL requirements and receive a Grade A rating before milk collection can begin
- Milk must be collected by a certified Bulk Tank Milk Grader (BTMG)
- Transport vehicle must meet regulatory requirements and be inspected by OMAFRA

Process for becoming Grade A producer

- Milk may only be sold to a licensed plant
- Grade A rating will not be issued if no broker/contract
- Goat milk must be processed in a plant licensed by OMAFRA

Key Contacts

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Summary

- Contact OMAFRA early in the planning process
- Contact Brokers
- Secure your market
- Work together with OMAFRA, broker and equipment supplier
- Plan for the future
- Allow plenty of time for permits and approvals

