

## Dairy Farmer:

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A dairy farmer is defined by the *Dairy Act 2000* to mean *the owner of a dairy farm*. Furthermore, a dairy farm *means any premises where cows, goat, sheep or buffalo -*

- (a) are kept; or*
- (b) are milked*

*for the purpose of producing milk for profit or sale.*

### Summary of Licensing Requirements for a Dairy Farmer

Prior to commencing operations as a dairy farmer the following **must** be completed and submitted to Dairy Food Safety Victoria (DFSV):

- ✚ a licence application form (submitted with a \$161.00 lodgement fee); and,
- ✚ the actual licence fee will be deducted on a monthly basis by the factory you supply your milk to
- ✚ nominate a Food Safety Program

Before a licence can be issued, a DFSV authorised officer is required to:

- ✚ inspect the premises to ensure that it is fit for purpose
- ✚ confirm that an approved Food Safety Program is in place and understood.

A dairy farmer is required to meet the requirements detailed in the *Code of Practice for Dairy Food Safety* (the *Code*). This is available at [www.dairysafe.vic.gov.au](http://www.dairysafe.vic.gov.au). The *Code* sets the minimum mandatory standards for the production, manufacture, storage and transport of milk and dairy foods to safeguard public health and must be used by all dairy premises in conjunction with the *Food Standards Code*. This includes the requirement for a dairy farm to have a documented Food Safety Program in place which addresses all of the requirements in the *Code*.

It is the responsibility of the licensee to ensure that their Food Safety Program is audited by a DFSV approved auditor