



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY BOARD**

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**PSA Board Resolution No. 11**  
Series of 2023

**APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE REVISED DEFINITIONS OF SMALLHOLD, SEMI-COMMERCIAL, AND COMMERCIAL SWINE FARMS**

**WHEREAS**, on 13 May 2022, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) Board through PSA Board Resolution No. 04, series of 2022, granted the approval for the Revision in the Classification of Livestock and Poultry Farms, transitioning them from Backyard and Commercial to Smallhold, Semi-Commercial, and Commercial Farms, and Definitions by Animal type;

**WHEREAS**, the current definitions of Smallhold, Semi-Commercial, and Commercial swine farms are as follows:

Classification	Definition
Smallhold Farm	Tending: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 20 heads of sows and below, or;</li><li>• 41 heads of grower-finishers and below</li></ul>
Semi-commercial Farm	Tending 21-50 heads of sows
Commercial Farm	Tending 51 and above heads of sows

**WHEREAS**, on 29 September 2022, the classifications and definitions of livestock and poultry farms by type of animal, as approved by the PSA Board, were presented during the regular meeting of the National Advisory Committee for Animal Disease Control and Emergency (NAC-ADCE). On 03 October 2022, the NAC-ADCE sent a letter to the PSA, requesting an amendment to PSA Board Resolution No. 04, series of 2022, to align its definitions with those currently utilized by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI);

**WHEREAS**, the current definition of swine farms requires revision to align with the NAC-ADCE Resolution No. 04, series of 2021, titled "Resolution to Urge the Department of Agriculture to Adopt an Agenda for the Recovery of the Swine Industry from African Swine Fever";

**WHEREAS**, NAC-ADCE Resolution No. 04, series of 2021, mandates the compulsory annual registration of farm facilities with the Local Government Unit (LGU) in accordance with the following category: Commercial Farms – 100 sow level up capacity, Smallhold Farm – 10 to 99 sow level up capacity, and Backyard Raisers – 20 head capacity. Additionally, this resolution calls for the BAI to issue registration

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guidelines in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act, Good Animal Husbandry Practices, and Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture aiming for uniform implementation in the LGUs. Furthermore, the farm registration requirements are expected to be less stringent to align with the “ease of doing business” policy;

**WHEREAS**, under Section 1.8 of Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council Resolution 674, series of 2000, a Piggery Farm is defined as any parcel of land devoted to the raising or breeding, depasturing, feeding or watering of pigs/swine, generally under the management of a tenant or owner. Under Section 1.9 of the same resolution, a piggery (backyard) involves one sow and 10 heads or less and is allowed in rural areas only;

**WHEREAS**, the “Project Threshold for Coverage Screening and Categorization for Livestock and Poultry Projects” of the Environmental Management Bureau of the DENR regulates that farms with less than or equal to 100 heads are not covered and may secure Certificate of Non-Coverage;

**WHEREAS**, on 20 October 2022, representatives from the NAC-ADCE presented at the Technical Working Group on Livestock and Poultry Statistics (TWG-LPS) meeting their proposed modifications in the definition of farm classifications, specifically focusing on the definitions of smallhold, semi-commercial, and commercial swine farms, as follows;

Classification	Definition
Smallhold Farm	Tending 1 to 10 sow level or 1 to 100 heads
Semi-commercial Farm	Tending 11 to 50 sow level or 101 to 500 heads
Commercial Farm	Tending 51 sow level and above or 501 heads and above

**WHEREAS**, the TWG-LPS approved the proposed modifications in the definition of farm classification, particularly for smallhold, semi-commercial, and commercial swine. These modifications are set to be adopted and recommended to the Interagency Committee on Agriculture and Fishery Statistics (IACAFS);

**WHEREAS**, the IACAFS approved the proposed modifications in the definition of farm classification, particularly for smallhold, semi-commercial, and commercial swine;

**WHEREAS**, the IACAFS endorsed the modifications in the definition of farm classification, particularly for smallhold, semi-commercial, and commercial swine to the PSA Board for approval;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the PSA Board hereby approves the revised definition of farm classification, specifically for smallhold, semi-commercial, and commercial swine farms.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the PSA shall implement the use of the new definition starting August 2023 for the second quarter 2023 survey round. Once approved by the PSA Board, the revised definition for swine shall be disseminated to stakeholders for adoption and adherence through a Press Release scheduled on 18 July 2023.

Approved this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.



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