



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
PHILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY BOARD

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**PSA Board Resolution No. 04**  
Series of 2022

**APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE REVISION IN THE CLASSIFICATION OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY FARMS FROM BACKYARD AND COMMERCIAL TO SMALLHOLD, SEMI-COMMERCIAL AND COMMERCIAL FARMS, AND THE DEFINITIONS BY ANIMAL TYPE**

**WHEREAS**, the Interagency Committee on Agriculture and Fishery Statistics (IACAFS), through Resolution No. 1, series of 2018 “Establishing Technical Working Groups (TWG) on Agriculture and Fishery Statistics” created the TWG on Livestock and Poultry Statistics (TWG-LPS) to discuss and resolve concerns and issues in the compilation, processing and dissemination of livestock and poultry statistics in terms of accuracy, completeness, timeliness and relevance;

**WHEREAS**, the TWG-LPS agreed to prioritize in its 2022 workplan the activities for the updating/revisiting of the definitions of backyard and commercial livestock and poultry farms and to conduct Focus Group Discussion (FGD) to selected stakeholders from the government and private sectors;

**WHEREAS**, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in 2013 defined smallholders as small-scale farmers, pastoralists, forest-keepers, fisheries who managed areas varying from less than one hectare to 10 hectares. Smallholders are characterized by family-focused motives such as favoring the stability of the farm household system, using mainly family labor for production and using part of the produce for family consumption;

**WHEREAS**, during the public hearing and TWG meeting of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Food and Agrarian Reform on proposed Senate Bill No. 139 or the “Philippine Livestock Industry Development Act” in January 2022, there were comments and suggestions to revisit the terms “backyard raiser” and “commercial operator”;

**WHEREAS**, the proposal for the redefinition is also in response to the continuous changes in the structure of the country’s livestock and poultry industry;

**WHEREAS**, the existing definitions in the livestock and poultry statistics are based on the approved definition for “backyard farm” and “commercial farm” of the then TWG-LPS of the former National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) in 1990 as follows:

“Commercial Farm” refers to any livestock and poultry farms which satisfies at least one of the following conditions:

Livestock

- Tending at least 21 heads of adult and zero head of young
- Tending at least 41 heads of young animals
- Tending at least 10 heads of adult and 22 heads of young

Poultry

- Tending at least 500 layers or 1000 broiler
- Tending at least 100 layers and 100 broilers if raised in combination
- Tending at least 100 birds of duck regardless of age

“Backyard Farm” refers to any farm or household tending at least one head of animal and does not qualify as a “commercial farm”.

**WHEREAS**, on 21 March 2022, an FGD with selected stakeholders from the livestock and poultry sectors, academe, and government agencies on the definitions of backyard and commercial livestock and poultry farms was held to establish and recommend an updated and more appropriate definitions of backyard and commercial farms that will be used as bases for planning and policy formulation of the government and other stakeholders, and as targeting mechanism for the identification of beneficiaries for the different government programs and services. Moreover, on 05 April 2022, the Livestock Executive Committee of the Department of Agriculture (DA) conducted a special meeting with the objective of refining the proposed definitions;

**WHEREAS**, during the review, the TWG-LPS suggested to change the nomenclature in classifying “backyard” to “smallhold” as most ASEAN countries adopt the term “smallhold”, and the term “backyard” depicts backwardness and connotes very few animals are raised traditionally at the household backyards;

**WHEREAS**, after the review and consultative process, the TWG-LPS recommended the revision in the classification for livestock and poultry farms, from backyard and commercial to smallhold, semi-commercial, and commercial farms with the following detailed definitions by animal type, to wit:

For large ruminants (dairy and beef):

Classification	Definition
Smallhold Farm	Tending not more than 5 cows and 5 yearlings or calves
Semi-commercial Farm	Tending 6 - 50 heads of cows
Commercial Farm	Tending 51 cows and above

For small ruminants, dairy and slaughter:

Classification	Definition
Smallhold Farm	Tending not more than 35 does
Semi-commercial Farm	Tending 36 – 100 does
Commercial Farm	Tending more than 100 heads of does

For swine (including native pig)

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 sow
Commercial Farm	Tending 51 and above heads of sow

For rabbit:

Classification	Definition
Smallhold Farm	Raising 100 heads and below
Semi-commercial Farm	Raising 101 – 1,000 heads
Commercial Farm	Raising 1,001 heads and above

For broiler:

Classification	Definition
Smallhold Farm	Raising 500 birds and below
Semi-commercial Farm	Raising 501- 10,000 birds
Commercial Farm	Raising 10,001 birds and above

For chicken (native/improved/free range):

Classification	Definition
Smallhold Farm	Raising 250 birds and below
Semi-commercial Farm	Raising 251 – 5,000 birds
Commercial Farm	Raising 5,001 birds and above

For layer and duck:

Classification	Definition
Smallhold Farm	Raising 250 layers and below
Semi-commercial Farm	Raising 251 – 5,000 layers
Commercial Farm	Raising 5,001 layers and above

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For quail:


Classification	Definition
Smallhold Farm	Raising 2,500 birds and below
Semi-commercial Farm	Raising 2,501 – 10,000 birds
Commercial Farm	Raising 10,001 birds and above

**WHEREAS**, the Interagency Committee on Agriculture and Fishery Statistics (IACAFS) endorses the revision in the classification of livestock and poultry farms from backyard and commercial to smallhold, semi-commercial, and commercial farms, and the definitions by animal type, for approval of the PSA Board;

**WHEREAS**, the PSA shall implement the use of the new classification of livestock and poultry farms and definitions by animal type starting November 2022 for the third quarter of 2022 survey round, once the same is approved by the PSA Board;


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the PSA Board hereby approves the use of the classification of livestock and poultry farms as smallhold, semi-commercial, and commercial farms, and the definitions by animal type.

Approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

  
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