
Subject: **Criteria for Licensing Hoofstock Dealers** **Policy #23**

References: AWA Section 3
 9 CFR, Part 1, Section 1.1
 9 CFR, Part 2, Section 2.1

History: Replaces six previous policies:

1. Feb. 6, 1991 - Criteria for Licensing an Exotic Animal Breeder
2. April 4, 1991 - Policy for Licensing an Exotic Animal Breeder
3. June 19, 1991 - Agriculturally Used Animals and the Animal Welfare Act
4. July 1, 1991 - Licensing of Exotic or Wild Animal Breeders
5. Sept. 26, 1994 - Farm Animal Issue
6. Oct. 13, 1998 - Criteria for Licensing Hoofstock Dealers

Justification: The policies listed above were in need of consolidation, coordination, and clarification.

Policy: This policy covers all hoofstock. “Hoofstock” is defined to mean any hoofed animal; e.g., deer, llama, sheep, pig, etc.

Persons selling hoofstock may or may not require licensing as dealers. The following criteria should be used to determine whether a dealer’s license is required:

- The sale must be for regulated purposes.
- Sales of wild/exotic hoofstock for biomedical research, exhibition or as a pet are considered to be regulated.
- Sales of wild/exotic hoofstock to game ranches, or to private collectors for breeding purposes only, are not regulated.
- Sale/Consignment of wild/exotic hoofstock to exotic animal markets is not regulated unless final disposition of the animal is known to be for a regulated purpose at the time of consignment.
- Sales for agricultural purposes or to improve food and fiber production are exempt.

- Persons selling farm animals (e.g. sheep, goats, pigs, cattle, llamas) must be licensed as dealers if two criteria are met: First, they must have sold more than 10 animals in a 12-month period for regulated purposes. Second, the animals sold for regulated purposes must represent a majority of all of the animals they have sold in that 12-month period.
- Generally, farm animals are regulated only for purposes of biomedical research, nonagricultural exhibit, or dealing as defined above. Horses are regulated only when used for biomedical research.