

Movement Permits: Quick Facts for Producers, Cooperatives, Processors



The [SMS Plan](#) provides details for movements of raw milk to commerce, raw milk and colostrum for animal feed, milk rejected for human consumption, and cattle. The [Bovine Germplasm Movement Plan \(BGMP\)](#) provides details for movements of semen, embryos, oocytes and high genomic merit animals. Each State Veterinarian decides movement permit criteria within their state. They will provide guidance on how to request a permit – website, phone, contact person.

WHO CAN REQUEST A MOVEMENT PERMIT?

- Dairy farms in a Control Area shipping raw milk, animals, germplasm, animal products.
- Dairy cooperatives, processors picking up raw milk from a Control Area.

WHERE AND WHEN WILL PERMITS BE NEEDED?

- Movements into, within, or out of Control Area(s) for the duration of the quarantine or hold order.

WHY ARE PERMITS NEEDED?

- To ensure movements are as safe as possible to prevent disease spread by meeting specific criteria.
- To document movement(s) of items into, within, and out of Control Areas.
- To provide traceability and transparency showing disease control practices are in place.

WHAT IS NEEDED TO REQUEST A MOVEMENT PERMIT FROM THE STATE?

- A Premises Identification Number (PIN) for the origin AND destination.
- Details related to what is being moved and why, to where, and the time the movements will occur.
- Documents to aid officials in decision making and risk analysis including:
 - Records that provide evidence the origin is NOT a Contact Premises.
 - Movement records for animals, vehicles, equipment, and people as applicable.
 - Evidence of enhanced biosecurity:
 - For movement of **raw milk to commerce**, a written plan that describes how biosecurity performance standards (BPS) for raw milk collection and transport are being met, and/or a completed copy of the Self-Assessment Checklist for Enhanced Biosecurity, and/or the site-specific enhanced biosecurity plan which includes that information.
 - For movement of **animals and raw milk for animal feed**, a completed copy of the Self-Assessment Checklist for Enhanced Biosecurity and/or the site-specific enhanced biosecurity plan.
 - Written assurance by the producer of compliance with the BPS (raw milk to commerce only) and Enhanced Biosecurity Checklist (animals, animal product movement).
 - Evidence that the origin premises is NOT Infected or Suspect including one or more of these:
 - Negative diagnostic test results for approved samples for the disease of concern.
 - Records show that animals are being watched for early signs of disease by trained cattle health monitors.
 - A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection signed by a USDA Category II Accredited Veterinarian who inspected the animals destined for shipment.
 - For animal movements to another premises, the destination (receiving business entity and the State) must agree to the movement.

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