

## Who must be certified for the Livestock Managers Facilities Act (LMFA)?

The LMFA states that a CLM can be an owner or operator:

**Section 30. Certified Livestock Manager.** The Department shall establish a Certified Livestock Manager program in conjunction with the livestock industry that will enhance management skills in critical areas, such as environmental awareness, safety concerns, odor control techniques and technology, neighbor awareness, current best management practices, and the developing and implementing of manure management plans.

- (a) Applicability. A livestock waste handling facility serving 300 or greater animal units shall be operated only under the supervision of a certified livestock manager. Notwithstanding the before-stated provision, a livestock waste handling facility may be operated on an interim basis, but not to exceed 6 months, to allow for the owner or operator of the facility to become certified.

**Section 900 of the Rule restates Section 30 of the Act and clarifies the definition of “supervision”**

### **Section 900.901 Applicability**

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### **Can an employee at a farm be the sole CLM person for a farm?**

Employees may qualify as “operators” of the facility as long as they can meet the supervision requirements (proximity and availability). So yes, an employee may be acceptable as CLMs for the facilities.

### **Must an owner be a CLM for a farm?**

An owner of a facility would be an acceptable CLM, and is the typical arrangement.

### **Anything else to know?**

Whoever is designated as the CLM for a particular facility is the responsible party for all of the operations at the facility (highlighted in blue) above. It is generally the owners’ decision as to who would be most appropriate to serve in the CLM capacity. A facility could have more than one CLM, indeed many do. One CLM could also supervise multiple facilities, as long as the above requirements are met.