

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Business Impact Analysis¹

Rule Subject: Somatic Cell Limits in Dairy Goat Milk
Adm. Code Reference: ATCP 60
Rules Clearinghouse #: 10-055
DATCP Docket #: 09-R-12

Rule Summary

This permanent rule changes the limit for somatic cell counts in dairy goat milk from 1,000,000 somatic cells per ml to 1,500,000 per ml to align with the national standard. As the new limit for somatic cells in dairy goat milk is equivalent to the current “immediate response level” for goat milk found in ATCP 60.20(6), this permanent rule removes this provision from the rule.

Business Impact

This rule will not have a significant impact on Wisconsin dairy plant operators or dairy goat milk producers. The permanent rule makes no changes to current routine milk quality testing or reporting requirements. The rule eliminates the “immediate response level” for dairy goat milk and may reduce resampling of those goat milk farms that exceed the current “immediate response level.”

Accommodation for Small Business

Overall, this rule should have no adverse impact on small business. This rule relaxes the somatic cell limits in dairy goat milk. size. Most, if not all, dairy goat milk producers in Wisconsin are small businesses.

Conclusion

Overall, this rule will benefit Wisconsin’s growing dairy goat industry by leveling the playing field between Wisconsin and other goat milk producing states

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¹ This analysis includes, but is not limited to, a small business analysis (“regulatory flexibility analysis”) under ss. 227.114 and 227.19(3)(e), Stats.