

First Visit Summary for Start-Up Processors

- Dairy Section Office:
 - E.B. Flory, Dairy Section Chief 802-622-4224 E.B.Flory@vermont.gov
 - Contact E.B. for licensing, VDPC, and other miscellaneous things
 - Steve Volk, Dairy Product Program Supervisor 802-793-0188 Steven.Volk@vermont.gov
 - Contact Steve for any Dairy Plant Questions, especially large scale processing questions
 - Chantal Deojay, Dairy Product Specialist III 802-249-4607 Chantal.Deojay@vermont.gov
 - Contact Chantal for all Dairy Plant questions, i.e.: acceptable practices, equipment, and miscellaneous plant processes
 - Eric Perkins, Dairy Farm Program Supervisor, 802-917-3996 Eric.Perkins@vermont.gov
 - Contact Eric for farm, hauling of milk, Weigh & Sample License, and other farm based miscellaneous things.
- Milk Handler License: **Takes a minimum of 60 days for the license to be issued and a facility cannot start production without the license issued.**
https://agriculture.vermont.gov/sites/agriculture/files/doc_library/Milk%20Handler%20License%20Application%20Form.pdf
 - Bonding (if applicable)
- Labeling Requirements
 - Pasteurized Milk Ordinance has specific requirements for labels
 - Contact Chantal or E.B. for label review
- Vermont Dairy Promotion Council
 - \$0.10 per hundred weight of all species milk paid to VDPC, contact E.B. Flory for questions 802-828-3836
 - Can be paid monthly, quarterly, or once a year.
- National Milk Promotional Assessment
 - \$0.05 per hundred weight Sheep and Goat milk are exempt. Organic cow's milk is exempt if a yearly exemption is filed.
 - Organic exemption form: https://nodpa.com/files/AMS15_Organic_Exemption_Dairy.pdf
 - Payments are required monthly
 - National Dairy Board contact: Linda Hadvima 847-627-3237, collection@dairy.org
- Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO)
 - Appendix N Testing (antibiotic testing)
 - Equipment, facility, and sanitation standards
- Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory (VAEL)
 - John "JJ" Jaworski, Laboratory Evaluation Officer, "LEO" 802-585-4441
 - 163 Admin Drive, Randolph Ctr, VT 05061
- Waste Water Approval/Permit
 - Required Employee Restroom
 - On-Farm – Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets Water Quality Division
 - Rob Achilles 802-917-1397
 - Off-Farm – Vermont Agency of Natural Resources
 - To find a permit specialist search by town at this link:
<https://dec.vermont.gov/environmental-assistance/permits/specialists>
- Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets Agriculture Development Division (grant funding)
 - Laura Ginsburg 802-522-2252, Laura.Ginsburg@vermont.gov