

**654B.1 Definitions.**

1. “*Care and feeding contract*” means an agreement, either oral or written, between a farm resident and the owner of livestock, under which the farm resident agrees to act as a feeder by promising to care for and feed the livestock on the farm resident’s premises.

2. “*Dispute*” means a controversy between a person who is a farm resident and another person, which arises from a claim eligible to be resolved in a civil proceeding in law or equity, if the claim relates to either of the following:

a. The performance of either person under a care and feeding contract, if both persons are parties to the contract.

b. An action of one person which is alleged to be a nuisance interfering with the enjoyment of the other person.

3. “*Farmland*” means agricultural land that is principally used for farming as defined in section 9H.1.

4. “*Farm mediation service*” means the organization selected pursuant to section 13.13.

5. “*Farm resident*” means a person holding an interest in farmland, in fee, under a real estate contract, or under a lease, if the person manages farming operations on the land. A farm resident includes a natural person, or any corporation, trust, or limited partnership as defined in section 9H.1.

6. “*Mediation release*” means an agreement or statement signed by all parties or by less than all the parties and the mediator pursuant to section 654B.8.

7. “*Nuisance*” means an action injurious to health, indecent, or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as essentially to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property, including but not limited to nuisances defined in section 657.2, subsections 1 through 5, and 7.

8. “*Other party*” means any person having a dispute with a farm resident.

9. “*Participate*” or “*participation*” means attending a mediation meeting, and having knowledge about and discussing issues concerning a subject relating to a dispute.

90 Acts, ch 1143, §16