

579B.1 Definitions.

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Commodity*” means livestock, raw milk, or a crop.
 2. “*Continuous arrival*” means the arrival of livestock at a contract livestock facility on a monthly basis or more frequently as provided in a production contract.
 3. “*Contract crop field*” means farmland where a crop is produced according to a production contract executed pursuant to [section 579B.2](#) by a contract producer who owns or leases the farmland.
 4. “*Contract livestock facility*” means an animal feeding operation as defined in [section 459.102](#), in which livestock or raw milk is produced according to a production contract executed pursuant to [section 579B.2](#) by a contract producer who owns or leases the animal feeding operation. “*Contract livestock facility*” includes a confinement feeding operation as defined in [section 459.102](#), an open feedlot as defined in [section 459A.102](#), or an area which is used for the raising of crops or other vegetation and upon which livestock is fed for slaughter or is allowed to graze or feed.
 5. “*Contract operation*” means a contract livestock facility or contract crop field.
 6. “*Contract producer*” means a person who owns or leases a contract operation and who produces a commodity under a production contract executed pursuant to [section 579B.2](#).
 7. “*Contractor*” means a person who owns a commodity at the time that the commodity is under the authority of the contract producer as provided in [section 579B.3](#) pursuant to a production contract executed pursuant to [section 579B.2](#).
 8. *a.* “*Crop*” means a plant used for food, animal feed, fiber, or oil, if the plant is classified as a forage or cereal plant, including but not limited to alfalfa, barley, buckwheat, corn, flax, forage, millet, oats, popcorn, rye, sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers, wheat, and grasses used for forage or silage.
 - b.* A “*crop*” does not include trees or nuts or fruit grown on trees; sod; shrubs; greenhouse plants; or plants or plant parts produced for precommercial, experimental, or research purposes.
 9. “*Farmland*” means agricultural land suitable for use in farming as defined in [section 9H.1](#).
 10. “*Lien*” means a commodity production contract lien created in [section 579B.3](#).
 11. “*Livestock*” means beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, or swine.
 12. “*Personal representative*” means a person who is authorized by a contract producer to act on behalf of the contract producer, including by executing an agreement, managing a contract operation, filing a financing statement perfecting a lien, and enforcing a lien as provided in [this chapter](#).
 13. “*Processor*” means a person engaged in the business of manufacturing goods from commodities, including by slaughtering or processing livestock, processing raw milk, or processing crops.
 14. “*Produce*” means to do any of the following:
 - a.* Provide feed or services relating to the care and feeding of livestock. If the livestock is dairy cattle, “*produce*” includes milking the dairy cattle and storing raw milk at the contract producer’s contract livestock facility.
 - b.* Provide for planting, raising, harvesting, and storing a crop. “*Produce*” includes preparing the soil for planting and nurturing the crop by the application of a fertilizer or beneficial substance as defined in [section 200.3](#) or a pesticide as defined in [section 206.2](#).
 15. “*Production contract*” means an oral or written agreement executed pursuant to [section 579B.2](#) that provides for the production of a commodity by a contract producer.
- [99 Acts, ch 169, §14, 22, 24; 2001 Acts, ch 25, §6, 7; 2002 Acts, ch 1119, §94; 2007 Acts, ch 22, §100, 101; 2025 Acts, ch 134, §26](#)

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