

Herd Share Program for Acquiring Raw Milk (Title 37 Chapter 11):

Herd share “owner” is a person who has a contractual agreement for the ownership or care of cows, goats, or sheep that produce milk for human consumption and receive raw milk or raw milk products for such care or ownership.

Applicable for raw milk from 1 to 7 lactating cows, 1 to 15 lactating goats or lactating sheep intended for human consumption.

1. Facility and responsible party (herd share) are issued a Herd Share Registration from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA).
 - a. Completely fill out registration form. (*see registration form*)
 - b. Provide copy of Tuberculosis testing results on all animals used in the herd share raw milk program.
 - c. ISDA will conduct a Brucellosis Ring Test (BRT) at least semi annually on Raw Milk samples collected from the monthly milk quality collection for cow milk.
 - d. BRT tests on goat and sheep milk are not official, therefore goats and sheep must be blood tested annually by a licensed Veterinarian for Brucellosis and documentation of testing results provided to ISDA.
 - e. Provide individual animal identification for animals participating in the program, such as ear tags, or tattoos.
 - f. All female bovine dairy animals must be brucellosis vaccinated between four (4) months and twelve (12) months of age.
 - g. If your bovine is over (12) twelve months of age and is not vaccinated for Brucellosis, your veterinarian must draw a blood sample. If test results are negative, the animal can be adult vaccinated through a permit issued by the state veterinarian, if the animal originated in Idaho.
 - h. Submit a copy of the contractual arrangement between the herd share owners and the farmer.

Milk/Drug Testing Criteria:

1. ISDA will test raw milk a minimum of four (4) times (in separate months) in any consecutive six (6) month period for SPC, SCC, Coliform, Drugs, and Temperature.
2. Each batch of milk shall be tested and test negative for drugs using ISDA approved drug testing protocols.
 - a. Each commingled batch of milk intended for human consumption must be tested negative for drugs. (Delvo, Snap, or Charm type tests).
 - b. In lieu of certified analysts, the person conducting the test must be able to demonstrate acceptable ability to conduct the tests.
 - c. If other than B-Lactam drugs are administered to animals Delvo or equivalent test needs to be used.
 - d. Any batch of milk that tests positive for drugs must not be used for human consumption.

3. See Table below:

	Standard Plate Count	Coliform	Somatic Cell	Drugs	Temp
cows	15,000 mg/l	25	500,000	neg	40°
goats	15,000 mg/l	25	750,000	neg	40°
sheep	15,000 mg/l	25	750,000	neg	40°

4. Whenever three (3) out of the last five (5) tests exceed SPC, Coliform, SCC, or Temperature requirements the raw milk cannot be used for human consumption until the milk meets quality standards.

Other Requirements:

1. Raw milk or raw milk products cannot be sold.
2. A person who is not a herd share owner can not receive raw milk or raw milk products from a herd share owner.
3. Provide share owners milk quality and cow testing results.
4. Raw milk and raw milk products must be obtained at the point of production.