

Table 15. Minimum recommended bedding requirements (lb per day per 1,000 lb of animal weight).

Bedding type	Long straw	Chopped straw	Wood shavings	Sawdust	Sand
Density (lb per cu ft)	2.5	7	9	12	—
Housing system					
Dairy					
Stanchion barn	5.4	5.7	—	—	—
Freestall housing	—	2.7	3.1	3.1	35
Loose housing bedded area	9.3	11	—	—	—
Swine (shed lot)	3.5	4.0	—	—	—
Poultry (floor level)	—	—	—	1.6	—

Source: MWPS-18. *Manure Management Systems Series*, Manure Characteristics, Section 1.