

ilities licensed to keep farm animals for proper sanitary conditions, animal health and management of proper manure storage and/or removal. There are 51 sites in Concord licensed to keep farm animals. The total population of farm animals was 1,256; 57% of which were chickens. The 2009 animal census is as follows:

2007-2009 Animal Census Information			
	2007	2008	2009
Chickens	381	923	716
Horses	179	162	166
Cattle	146	158	217
Rabbits	2	34	70
Goats	34	19	17
Geese/Ducks	23	26	23
Guinea Hens	43	8	14
Sheep	6	11	10
Beehives	4	4	4
Llamas	2	0	0
Donkeys	3	1	2
Turkey	0	0	5
Pigs	0	4	12
TOTAL	823	1,350	1,256

Wastewater Permitting Program

The Environmental Health Inspector oversees the onsite wastewater management (septic system) program in the Health Division. The Division issued 135 permits for construction and/or alteration of septic systems, reviewed 129 building permit applications for regulatory compliance, and witnessed over 200 deep test holes and 100 percolation tests. The Environmental Health Inspector conducted approximately 300 onsite inspections for compliance with Title 5.

Septic System Betterment Loan Program

The Health Division Administrative Assistant oversees the Community Septic System Betterment Loan Program that has successfully loaned all of the original \$1,000,000 funded from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust and approved at the 2004 Annual Town Meeting. The program allows homeowners to borrow up to \$20,000 to offset the costs of replacing their septic system. The loans are repaid to the Town over 10 years at 2% interest as a betterment lien.

BOARD OF HEALTH

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The Board of Health is responsible for the overall stewardship of the public health of Concord. It promotes, enacts, and enforces health rules and regulations in accordance with local bylaws and state law. There are five members of the Board, appointed for three-year terms by the Town Manager.

The Board of Health held 7 hearings for variances to State and local wastewater system regulations, 1 hearing for Food Establishments, and 2 hearings pertaining to other public health matters. The Board revised regulations governing private water supply, irrigation, geothermal, and monitoring wells; and issued a policy concerning the granting of certain variances for repairs to onsite wastewater systems.

The Board successfully sponsored Article 42 at Annual Town Meeting, re-authorizing the Community Septic Loan Program with additional funding of \$2,000,000 that will be available beginning in 2010 to residents who need financial assistance during the replacement of their onsite wastewater system. The program will make loans of up to \$30,000, secured by a betterment lien on the property, and repayable at 2% interest over 10 years.

EMERSON HOSPITAL HOME CARE SERVICES

Brian Hailey, MSPT, Manager

Emerson Hospital Home Care is a Medicare/Medicaid Certified, Joint Commission accredited provider of home health services in Concord, as well as 23 surrounding towns. Home care is an active member of the Home Care Alliance of Massachusetts. The mission is to provide the highest quality, safe, and cost effective services to all our patients. These services include skilled nursing, physical, occupational and speech therapy, home health aide, and medical social work. Home Care made the difficult decision to discontinue the Psychiatric Nursing Program this past year. The small size of the program and the small referral source factored into the decision to discontinue this service and to concentrate