



## Livestock Sales Facilities Organic System Plan

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Complete this form to describe management practices of animals temporarily housed at your sales facility. This plan must be submitted with a **Handler Organic System Plan**.

Subject:  
Date:  
Type: 2022

### LIVING CONDITIONS NOS §§ 205.201, .203, .206, .239

The National Organic Standards require organic livestock operations to maximize health of animals and allow for their natural behaviors. Animal environment must include year-round access to shade, shelter, fresh air, outdoors, exercise areas, and direct sunlight as suitable to the species, production stage, and climate; clean and dry bedding as appropriate to the system; and housing design which is safe and allows for natural behavior. Organic livestock may be temporarily confined during sorting or shipping and livestock sales provided that the animals are maintained under continuous organic management, including organic feed, throughout the extent of their confinement. Manure must be managed such that nutrient recycling is optimized and soil and water degradation is minimized. Roughage used for bedding must be organic.

### SHELTER AND LOTS

Describe shelter and lots using the table below. *Submit a separate facility map, showing all shelter, lots, and outdoor holding areas.*

SAMPLE ONLY  
DO NOT SUBMIT



4. If other, explain.

5. How often are pens or holding areas cleaned?

*List sanitation and cleaning products on the Handler Input Inventory form. Provide product labels and ingredient information for inputs not OMRI listed or previously approved by MOSA.*

6. Describe manure hauling and spreading or dispersal of manure, including type of ground (sod, tilled land, crop residue), slope of land, rate of application, proximity to surface water or waterways and how runoff is prevented.

7. What are your sources of water for livestock?

on-site well    municipal    river/creek    pond    spring    other

8. If other, explain.

9. Describe location and sources of drinking water for livestock.

10. How, and how often, do you monitor water quality?

11. Do you use water conservation strategies?

Yes    No

12. Are any water additives used?

*List inputs on the Handler Input Inventory form.*

Yes    No

**LIVESTOCK FEED NOS §§ 205.201, .237, .239, .272**

The National Organic Standards require that all certified organic livestock be fed 100% certified organic feed. All pastures must be certified organic. Feeding records and purchase documentation must be available at inspection.

13. Do you provide feed for animals at your facility?

Yes    No

14. If yes, how do you ensure that the feed is certified organic?

15. Do you store both organic and nonorganic feed at your facility?

Yes    No

16. If yes, how do you ensure that organic feed is not commingled or in contact with nonorganic feed?

17. Are any feed supplements or feed additives used?

*Feed supplements and additives (salt and minerals) used or planned for use are to be noted on the Handler Input Inventory form. Provide product labels, and ingredient information for all inputs not OMRI listed or previously approved by MOSA.*

Yes    No

18. All pastures/grazing areas must be certified organic. Will animals have access to pasture or lots that contain soil while at your facility?

*If yes, a Farm Organic System Plan must be completed, describing your organic land management practices. Submit a 3 Year Field History or Prior Land Use Declaration for each grazing or dry lot area that contains soil. A Crop Summary/Current Year Field Plan must also be submitted, listing each area. Submit a field map.*

Yes    No

**LIVESTOCK HEALTH MANAGEMENT AND RECORDKEEPING NOS §§ 205.201, .238, .103, .236**

The National Organic Standards require a production environment that promotes livestock health, limits livestock stress, and only uses prohibited materials when necessary to save an animal's life. Records must be kept of all treatments. Animals treated with prohibited materials and/or their products may not be sold as organic.

19. How do you monitor livestock health while animals are at your facility?

observation of livestock     veterinary care     other

20. If other, explain.

21. If applicable, name and phone number of your veterinarian.

**22. HEALTH OR DISEASE PROBLEMS**

Internal and external inputs used or planned for use on organically managed livestock are to be listed on the Handler Input Inventory form. *Provide product labels and ingredient information for inputs not OMRI listed or previously approved by MOSA. Have purchase documentation available at inspection*

Do you administer health treatments to any animals at your facility?

Yes     No

23. Records must be kept of treatments with prohibited materials, and commingling and contamination must be prevented. If organic animals need to be treated while at your facility, explain how you would identify all livestock treated with prohibited materials to prevent commingling and contamination.

**24. RECORDKEEPING**

Organic animals must be traced from birth to slaughter, including purchases and sales. MOSA requires an auditable trail capable of tracing the sources and amounts/numbers of all animals, feeds, supplements, additives and medications. Large animals must be individually identified in some manner. Poultry, rabbits and other small animals are to be tracked by flock, lots, or other applicable units when all individuals receive the same inputs and treatment. Records must be kept for five (5) years, even for animals that have died or were sold.

Describe in detail how your recordkeeping system connects the animals sold through your facility to the certified operation (consigner) and to the purchaser.

25. What is your process to verify that livestock are certified organic?

26. What types of livestock records do you maintain? *Check all that apply.*

documentation of source of livestock     certification of purchased animals  
 purchase records for feed and feed supplements     feed storage     shipping/transportation  
 feeding records     veterinary records     records to show separation of nonorganic     other

27. If other, explain.

**TRANSPORTATION AND SLAUGHTER NOS §§ 205.102, .201, .236, .239**

Livestock products that are to be sold, labeled, or represented as organic must be from livestock under continuous organic management. Records throughout transport and sale must be sufficient to preserve the identity of all organically managed animals. Livestock must be clearly identified, and identity must be traceable. All livestock must be fit for transport. Roughage bedding must be certified organic. Arrangements for water and organic feed is required if transport time will exceed 12 hours. Records must be provided for the transport of livestock under your organic management. An emergency plan must be in place that adequately addresses possible animal welfare problems that may occur during transport. Licensed facilities must have available at inspection records of all reports, noncompliances, and actions taken to resolve noncompliances.

**28. TRANSPORTATION**

Do you transport organic livestock? *If "no," skip this section.*

Yes     No

29. What types of organic animals are you responsible for transportation? Transportation can include to or from another organic farm or off-site location; animals to slaughter facility; animals to or from sales facility; animals to or from youth events; other. *Check all that apply.*

- dairy cows, replacements, steers, bulls     beef cows, replacements, steers and bulls  
 chickens, turkeys, geese or other fowl     swine     sheep     goats     other

30. If other, describe.

31. Describe how animal stress/injury is minimized during loading, transport and unloading.

32. If organic and nonorganic animals are transported together, describe how the identification system preserves the identity of each animal.

33. Non-ambulatory animals must not be transported for organic sale or slaughter. Are all organic animals fit for transport?

- Yes     No

34. If no, explain.

35. Describe transport vehicles.

36. What type of bedding is used?

*List bedding material(s) on your Handler Input Inventory form. Submit the Off-Farm Manure/Bedding Verification form for any bulk wood-based materials and labels for any bagged bedding materials.*

- none     sand     sawdust/shavings     straw     corn stalks     other

37. If other, explain.

38. Are livestock in transport for longer than 12 hours?

- Yes     No

39. If yes, describe arrangements for organic feed and water. If animals are off-loaded, sites must be certified organic. *Transport records will be verified at inspection.*

40. Describe emergency measures you would take to adequately address any animal welfare issues that occur during transport. (ex: vehicle breakdown, how to provide feed and water if transport time exceeds 12 hours, what to do if livestock escape during transport, or how to euthanize an animal injured during transport.)

**41. SLAUGHTER STATUS**

All organic animals that pass through your facility must have documentation that tracks the organic slaughter eligibility status.

How do your records and system of identification track organic slaughter eligibility?

**42. COMPLETE:** Is your Organic System Plan complete?

- Yes     No