



Grass-Fed Organic Meat System Plan

Any certified organic ruminant livestock production operation or certified organic ruminant livestock handling operation is eligible to apply for certification under the Certified Grass-Fed Organic Meat Standard. Use this form to describe your grass-fed livestock operation. Please complete all questions. If a question does not apply, please indicate "not applicable" or "N/A."

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Comments

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and any pertinent notes (purchase information, etc.). This list will need to be updated annually.

Have you submitted a Livestock List form?

Yes No

9. *Eligibility for this grass-fed certification program requires participation in an animal welfare verified program that includes on-site inspections and meets the requirements of the Certified Grass-Fed Organic Meat Standard.*

Provide the name of the animal welfare verified program in which you participate:
Animal welfare program records will be verified annually during your inspection.

10. *Eligibility for this grass-fed organic certification program requires all ruminant meat products produced on your farm to comply with the Certified Grass-Fed Organic Meat Standard.*

Are all ruminant animals on the operation, or at any single site of a multi-site operation, solely grass-fed organic?

Yes No

SOURCE OF LIVESTOCK

11. *In order to be eligible for grass-fed organic meat certification, all animals must have been managed according to the Grass-Fed Organic Meat Standard from birth.*

Have all ruminant animals born on your operation been managed according to the Grass-Fed Organic Meat Standard from birth?

Yes No

12. Do you plan to purchase any livestock?

Purchased livestock must be certified to the Grass-Fed Organic Meat Standard, or be certified to the Grass-Fed Organic Dairy Standard and verified as eligible for the meat standard.

Yes No

13. If you plan to purchase a certified grass-fed organic herd, list the planned purchase date:

Submit a copy of the Grass-Fed Organic Meat certificate OR a copy of Grass-Fed Organic Dairy certificate along with documentation showing that animals are eligible for the meat standard (i.e. not transitioned into the grass-fed dairy program).

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PASTURE MANAGEMENT

19. Eligibility for grass-fed organic meat certification requires that all animals over six months of age must graze throughout the grazing season, which shall not be less than a minimum of 150 days annually, and must receive a minimum average of 60% dry matter from pasture during the grazing season.

On what dates does your grazing season begin and end?

20. Is grazing continuous throughout this time?

Yes No

21. If no, list reasons and indicate the length of time (in days) that livestock are confined from pasture:

22. What is the overall length (in days) of your grazing season?

23. What type of pasture do you graze? Check all that apply.

native improved land is also cropped (residual) wooded permanent

24. Which grazing method do you use? Check all that apply.

continuous rotational

Use the following table to describe your pasture management. List pasture access for all ruminant grazing groups in the table below. Include hay and other crops that are also grazed. Use the additional comments box below to describe any information that does not fit into the table.

For **Type of livestock**, list by group (example: dairy cows, dry cows, bred heifers, unbred heifers).

For **Grazing period** and **Rest period**, list the typical number of days for each.

For **Pasture composition**, list the dominant forage species.

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Please verify the lines below. Use the table to add new items. If there isn't enough room, attach a separate list with the same column layout.

Grass-Fed Pasture Management

Field ID#	Acres	Type of livestock	Number of animals	Grazing period	Rest period	Pasture composition

Additional Comments

26. How do you prevent overgrazing?

27. Are food-bearing trees or bushes (apples, berries, etc.) present in your pastures?

Yes No

28. If yes, list types and describe how you plan to prevent the consumption of prohibited feedstuff in more than "de minimis" amounts? (*De Minimis: An amount or action that is below the threshold of programmatic concern.*)

29. A map of your pastures is required.

Have you submitted a map of your pastures, including field IDs and acreage?

Yes No

LIVESTOCK FEED

30. *Grass-fed organic meat certification requires a minimum average of 60% dry matter intake from pasture over the course of the grazing season. The MOSA Livestock Winter & Summer Rations form is required.*

Have you submitted the MOSA Livestock Winter & Summer Rations form?

Yes No

31. What forage types do you graze? *Check all that apply.*

annual grasses perennial grasses legumes forbs brassicas browse other

32. If other, list crop type(s):

33. *Cereal grain plants must be grazed in the vegetative-stage.*

Do you graze vegetative-stage small or cereal grain plants?

Yes No

34. If yes, indicate crop types. *Check all that apply.*

corn in pre-tassel stage soybeans prior to bloom small grains at boot stage other

35. If other, list crop type(s):

36. How do you ensure that small and cereal grain crops do not overmature?

37. Do you feed harvested forages or vegetative-stage cereal grains? *Check all that apply.*

hay haylage baleage silage corn in pre-tassel stage soybeans prior to bloom
 small and cereal grains prior to boot stage other

38. If other, list crop type(s):

39. *A weaned ruminant animal's diet may be supplemented when necessary to maintain adequate nutrition and rumen health. List all feed supplements on the MOSA Livestock Input Inventory form. Reference the Supplemental Grain-Free Feedstuffs chart in the Program Manual.*

Do your rations include any of the following? *Check all that apply.*

forage in cube or pellet form (*daily limit of 0.5% of body weight*). certified organic kelp certified organic beet or citrus pulp
 certified organic cane sugar
 fodder sprout system (roots removed) during the non-grazing season (*daily limit of 1.75% of body weight not to exceed 20 lb per day*).
 grain-free minerals and vitamins

RECORDKEEPING

40. Who is responsible for keeping grass-fed management records?

41. What kinds of records are kept?

feed rations grazing records animal ID health temporary confinement
 exclusion of milk from disqualified animals sales other

42. If other, describe:

43. **COMPLETE:** Is your Grass-Fed Organic Meat System Plan complete?

You may leave this blank or answer "no" if you wish to continue working on this form.

Yes No