

Additional Certification Options from MOSA: Grass-Fed Livestock Certification

MOSA also offers Grass-Fed Livestock Production and Handling Certification for ruminant livestock producers and handlers. The Grass-Fed Livestock Production and Handling standards, which were created in a joint effort by the certification community and Organic Valley, and will be overseen by Organic Plus Trust (OPT), are available through the <u>OPT website</u>.

What is Grass-Fed Certification?

It is a verification service that ensures that dairy and/or meat products are produced without grain. Feed must be forage-based only - no grains are allowed. Standards and policies are available on the <u>OPT website</u>.

Who needs Grass-Fed Certification?

Any certified organic producer with a market that requires grass-fed certification, or wants to strengthen their grass-fed claims to their buyers. You will be able to make the "OPT Certified Grass-Fed" claim on your products, you will receive a unique Grass-Fed Certificate, and for a fee, you may use the Grass-Fed Program Seal on your labeled products.

What will it cost?

This is an optional service with its own certification fee and inspection fee. For current MOSA clients the fees are:

Dairy products:\$350 Certification Fee plus Actual Inspection FeesMeat products:\$350 Certification Fee plus Actual Inspection Fees

How do I get more information and application materials?

For current MOSA clients there is a Grass-Fed checkbox on your Annual Update Form in this packet. Simply check the box and we will send you additional information.

If you are a new applicant, simply call or email MOSA to request the application materials, or with your questions about the program.