



# GrassFed Production Organic System Plan

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year: \_\_\_\_\_

## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Is your operation certified organic according to the USDA National Organic Program Regulations?

*If you are not currently certified organic by MOSA, submit a copy of your organic certificate.*

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. If yes, provide the name of your certification agency.

3. Have you ever been certified to the OPT Grass-Fed Organic Livestock Program?

☐ Yes ☐ No

4. If yes, provide the year and name of your certification agency:

5. Is your operation currently grass-fed organic certified to the OPT Grass-Fed Livestock Production and Handling Standards with another agency?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6. If yes, provide the name of your certification agency:

*Please submit a copy of your grass-fed organic certificate.*

7. List the number of each type of livestock requested for grass-fed organic dairy certification.  
*Complete all that apply.*

Dairy cows for milk:

8. Dairy replacements:

9. Cattle for beef:

10. Other:

11. If "other," explain:

12. A list of all animals in your organic grass-fed herd is required. The list should include animal ID or name, date of birth, organic and Grass-Fed slaughter eligibility, Organic and Grass-Fed transitioned status, and any pertinent notes (purchase information, etc.). This list will need to be updated annually.

Have you submitted a Livestock List form?

☐ Yes ☐ No

13. Eligibility for this grass-fed organic certification program requires additional animal welfare compliance or exemption.

Indicate the OPT approved animal welfare verified program in which you participate.

Check all that apply. Animal welfare program records will be verified annually during your inspection.

- ☐ **Global Animal Partnership (GAP)**
- ☐ **Certified Humane**
- ☐ **American Humane Certified**
- ☐ **FARM program for lactating milking animals (heifers / replacements need additional welfare verification to another program)**
- ☐ **I have an OPT approved animal care protocol by my livestock product aggregator I am under contract with. Submit a completed Aggregator Affirmation. If you sell milk to Organic Valley, this form has already been collected and added to your file**
- ☐ **I have an OPT approved internal animal care protocol which is verified by a qualified veterinarian. Submit your OPT approved protocol and a completed Veterinarian Affidavit.**
- ☐ **I only sell direct to consumer and gross less than \$350,000 total annual farm sales. Animal welfare practices are still required. Submit an Exemption to Animal Welfare Compliance Affidavit.**

14. Eligibility for this grass-fed organic certification program requires all products produced on your farm to comply with the Certified Grass-Fed Organic Livestock Program Standards for Livestock Production and Handling Operations. Lactating dairy animals of the same species are not eligible for a Split Operation.

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

If no, your operation is not eligible for this certification program. Contact MOSA with questions.

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

If no, your operation must qualify as a split operation. Contact MOSA with questions.

☐ Yes ☐ No

## 16. SOURCE OF LIVESTOCK

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

Have all non-dairy ruminant animals born on your operation been managed according to the Grass-Fed Organic Livestock Program standards from birth?

☐ Yes ☐ No

17. Do you plan to purchase any non-dairy livestock?

*Purchased livestock must be certified to the Grass-Fed Organic Livestock Program standard for meat production.*

☐ Yes ☐ No

18. If you plan to purchase a certified non-dairy grass-fed organic herd, list the planned purchase date.

*Submit a copy of the Grass-Fed Organic certificate for meat production. Animals transitioned for grass-fed organic dairy production are not eligible.*

## 19. GRASS FED DAIRY HERD TRANSITION

*In order to be eligible for grass-fed organic dairy certification, animals must have successfully completed a consecutive 90-day transition period.*

Do you plan to transition a dairy herd to grass-fed management?

☐ Yes ☐ No

20. If yes, provide the date on which you plan to begin your transition

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

*Submit a copy of the grass-fed organic dairy certificate.*

## LIVESTOCK PURCHASES

22. Complete this table if you purchased any animals. Use the additional comments box below to describe any information that does not fit into the table.

*After initial Grass-Fed Organic Dairy certification is granted, all dairy ruminants brought onto the operation must be a) born grass-fed organic; b) transitioned and currently certified as grass-fed organic; c) be certified organic and transitioned for 90 days only when either a) or b) are documented as commercially unavailable. All animals for meat production must be born grass-fed organic.*

### Grass-Fed Livestock Purchases

Type of livestock	Number of animals	Date obtained	Source and phone	Certifier	Grass-Fed Certifier	Sale Facility	Sale Facility
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			number			name	Certifier

Additional Comments:

## LIVING CONDITIONS

23. What type of bedding is used for livestock? *Check all that apply.*

- ☐ **none**
- ☐ **sand**
- ☐ **sawdust/shavings**
- ☐ **hay**
- ☐ **other (such as straw or corn stalks)**

24. If hay bedding is used, list crop types:

25. If other, list bedding type: *Note: If straw or corn stalks are used, explain how you verify that livestock do not consume any incidental mature grain.*

26. Is bedding purchased or homegrown?

- ☐ **purchased**
- ☐ **homegrown**
- ☐ **both**

## PASTURE MANAGEMENT

27. Eligibility for grass-fed organic livestock 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?

28. Is grazing continuous throughout this time?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

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

- ☐ native  
☐ improved  
☐ land is also cropped (residual)  
☐ wooded  
☐ permanent

32. What grazing method do you use? Check all that apply.

- ☐ continuous  
☐ rotational  
☐ both

33. 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.

### Grass-Fed Pasture Management

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


Additional Comments:

34. How do you prevent overgrazing?

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

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

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

37. A map of your pastures is required. Have you submitted a map of your pastures, including field ID and acreage?

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

## LIVESTOCK FEED

38. Grass-fed organic livestock 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 Ration Form?

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

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

- ☐ **annual grasses**
- ☐ **perennial grasses**
- ☐ **legumes**
- ☐ **forbs**
- ☐ **brassicas**
- ☐ **browse**
- ☐ **other**

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

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

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

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

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

- ☐ **corn in pre-tassel stage**
- ☐ **soybeans prior to bloom**
- ☐ **small and cereal grains late-boot stage**
- ☐ **other**

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

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

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

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

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

47. *A weaned animal's diet may be supplemented with approved materials when necessary to maintain adequate nutrition and rumen health. List all feed supplements on the MOSA **Input Inventory** form. Submit labels of new inputs for review. Reference Table 1 and Table 2 in the Standards for Livestock Production and Handling Operations.*

Do your rations include any unrestricted grain-free feed additives and supplements? Reference Table 1 of the Standards.

☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

48. Do your rations include any of the following grain-free restricted supplemental feedstuffs? Check all that apply. [Reference Table 2 of the Standards](#). Restricted energy feedstuffs are strictly limited to a maximum combined total of 5lbs/day/animal for cattle. Energy supplements are prohibited for sheep and goats. Vitamin and mineral supplements must be grain free or only contain minimal grain carriers. Supplements containing grain are not intended to circumvent the prohibition for feeding grain.

- ☐ **Energy: certified organic carrots, sugar beet or citrus pulp**
- ☐ **Energy: whole sugar beets**
- ☐ **Energy: certified organic sugar cane dry sugar**
- ☐ **Energy: sugar cane molasses**
- ☐ **Energy: concentrated liquid lactose**
- ☐ **Stored Forage: alfalfa pellets or forage in cube or pellet form. *Daily limit of 6lb or  $\leq$  0.5% of body weight, whichever is less.***
- ☐ **Stored Forage: fodder sprout system (roots removed) during the non-grazing season. *Daily limit of no more than 1.75% of body weight not to exceed 20 lb per day.***
- ☐ **Vitamins and minerals. *Submit a label with mixing or feeding instructions.***

49. Are animals under six months of age fed grain?

- ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**

50. If yes, provide your plan for completely removing grain from your rations by December 31, 2020:

## RECORDKEEPING

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

52. What kinds of records are kept?

- ☐ **feed rations**
- ☐ **grazing records**
- ☐ **animal ID**
- ☐ **health**
- ☐ **temporary confinement**
- ☐ **exclusion of milk, meat or other livestock products from disqualified animals**
- ☐ **sales**
- ☐ **other**

53. If other, describe:

54. **COMPLETE:** Is your Grass-Fed Organic Dairy System Plan complete?

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

- ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**