

Baystate Organic Certifiers

Application Checklist for New Dairy Applicants

Please note: all forms and documents must be completed in full and submitted to Baystate in order for your application for organic certification to be reviewed, inspected, and a certification decision made. Incomplete applications will be placed on hold until missing or incomplete information has been received. Call or email Baystate if you have any questions about the certification application.

Step 1: Complete the Organic Dairy Crop Plan for the crop portion of your operation

- _____ Complete all pages of the Organic Dairy Crop Plan
- _____ Please list all crops for certification on page 1 of Organic Livestock Crop Plan, including feed crops. List all pastures, hayfields and crop fields on page 2 of the Livestock Crop Plan. If a field is used for both hay and pasture, list it in both sections.
- _____ Sign and date the Affirmation Section of the Organic Dairy Crop Plan on the last page.
- _____ Complete the History Affidavit for every field that is part of your operation (including pastures). Attach documentation showing that fields and greenhouses have been managed organically for 3 years.
- _____ Complete the Seed Information and Planting Stock Form, if you are using any seed.
- _____ Attach copies of soil/tissue tests as applicable.

Step 2: Provide Other Information (You must provide all of this information as part of your application)

- _____ Submit an overall farm map for your operation showing the location of all fields.
- _____ Submit detailed maps for each field detailing adjoining land use and buffer zones. FSA aerial maps are preferred if you have access to them. For all pastures, show the location of fences on the fields, the location and source of shade, and the location and source of water. The information about the sources of shade and water may be written on the bottom of the map.
- _____ Submit samples of any labels you will be using to identify your product as organic (if applicable).
- _____ Submit samples of your recordkeeping forms. These records must include planting information, fertilizer, pest, and disease control applications to fields, harvest records by field, and sales records. For your herd, submit sample health, feed, and milk production records. If you do not currently keep any of these records, you must show what records you will maintain as a certified operation. You are only required to submit a sampling of your records.
- _____ Submit a copy of a coliform water test for water you use in the milk room and/or for your livestock. Municipal water does not need to be tested.
- _____ Complete the Directions Sheet included with the application packet. Do not include Mapquest or other Internet directions as the inspector will not be coming from our Dighton office.
- _____ Submit any additional information that you believe will aid Baystate Organic Certifiers in evaluating your operation.

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Step 3: Complete the Dairy Livestock Application Forms

- _____ Complete all pages of the Organic Dairy Livestock Plan
- _____ Submit a complete list of all animals in your Livestock herd with their ID#, date of birth, source (if purchased off farm), and stage of production.
- _____ Complete the Livestock History Affidavit for dairy animals that you wish to certify. Attach documentation showing that livestock have been managed organically for 12 months prior to certification.
- _____ Sign and date the Affirmation Section of the Organic Dairy Livestock Plan on the last page.
- _____ Submit copies of organic certificates for all purchased feed and/or feed supplements.
- _____ Submit an updated and complete list of all medications and/or livestock products used on/in your livestock herd.
- _____ Submit a copy of your Grazing Plan for your Livestock if you have a plan already in place.
- _____ Complete and attach the DMI Calculation Worksheet or Worksheets.

Step 4: The Fee Worksheet

- _____ Complete the enclosed Fee Worksheet. Make sure you include the \$150 new operation fee.
- _____ Enclose a check for your certification fee made payable to Massachusetts Independent Certification or payable to Baystate Organic Certifiers.

Step 5: Optional Information

- _____ If you do not have a 50 foot buffer around all of your fields between your organic and any abutting conventional production, make sure you list all reduced buffers in your Dairy Crop Plan and submit an Abutter Form(s) if there is abutting land that may contaminate your organic production.

If you want to be certified for bottling milk as an on-farm processor you must complete the:
- _____ On-Farm Organic Handler Plan and Organic Product Profiles

Step 6: Mailing the Application Packet

- _____ Make 2 copies of the Organic Dairy Crop Plan, Dairy Livestock Plan, and all attachments. File one copy with your records.
- _____ Mail the original forms, and one complete copy, along with your check for your certification fee to Baystate Organic Certifiers, c/o Don Franczyk, 1220 Cedarwood Circle, North Dighton, MA 02764. Alternatively, your application may be filed electronically by email. Email all relevant documents to applications@baystateorganic.org. You will need to either email a PDF version of the signed affirmation page of the Crop and Dairy Plans, or mail the signed affirmation page. The check for your certification fee will have to be mailed to Baystate.

DIRECTIONS SHEET

Name of Operation: _____

Directions to Inspection Site: Please give general directions to the farm or facility we will be inspecting from the nearest state or interstate highway. Please note that the inspector will not be coming from our Dighton office, so Mapquest or other directions from the Dighton address are not helpful. You may submit Mapquest directions from the nearest highway. If there are multiple inspection sites please give directions to all sites.

Main Inspection Location:

1) written

2) drawn

Additional Site(s):

List all additional sites here. Attach directions to the additional sites or write them on the back of this form.

**BAYSTATE ORGANIC CERTIFIERS
SEED INFORMATION AND PLANTING STOCK FORM**

Seeds:

Please complete this form for all seed that you are purchasing for the upcoming season.

What percentage of the crop seed you are using is certified organic? _____

What percentage of the crop seed you are using is non-organic and untreated? _____

Approximately how much **cover crop** seed do you use each year? _____

What % of the **cover crop** seed you are using is certified organic? _____

Are you using any pelletized seed? If yes, list the source of the seed. Do you know if the seed coating meet the requirements of the organic standards?

Are you using any treated or GMO seed? If so, list the varieties of seed and where you will be growing the crop.

Are you using any seed inoculant? If so, have you verified that the inoculant does not come from a GMO source? Inoculants on the NOFA/Mass Bulk Order do not have to be verified. List the inoculants below and whether you have verified them or not.

List the reasons why you are purchasing non-organic untreated crop seed or cover crop seed. (Availability, Poor Germination of Organic Seed, etc.)

What additional steps are you taking to find certified organic seed?

List all of the suppliers you plan on purchasing certified organic or untreated seed from this year.

List all the additional suppliers you checked for organic seed and the method you used for checking (example: Catalog, Internet, Phone).

Baystate Organic Certifiers has to check the non-organic seed you are purchasing. Select one of the following options for complying with this requirement.

Not Applicable - All of my seed is organic.

I have attached a copy of my seed records.

I will show my seed record to my inspector.

Annual Seedlings: *All annual seedlings must be from certified organic sources.*

Did you purchase or are you purchasing any organic seedlings this year? Yes No

List the type of annual seedlings you purchased, the source, the amount, whether they're certified organic and if applicable who the supplier's organic certifier is. *Note: you will have to show proof of organic certification to your inspector for any organic seedlings you purchase that are not from farms certified by Baystate.*

Planting Stock Annuals:

Annual Planting stock includes potato seed, garlic, onion sets, shallots, sweet potato slips, and strawberry planting stock that is harvested less than 12 months after planting.

I am using Annual Planting stock this year Yes No

List all annual planting stock on the following table both organic and non-organic Attach additional sheets if needed.

Type of Stock	Variety	Source	Amount	Organic? Y or N
<i>Example: Potatoes</i>	<i>Red Gold, Yukon, Russet</i>	<i>Fedco</i>	<i>50 lbs, 50 lbs, 10 lbs</i>	<i>Yes for all varieties</i>
<i>Garlic</i>				
<i>Garlic</i>				
<i>Onion Plants</i>				
<i>Onion Set</i>				
<i>Onion Sets</i>				
<i>Potatoes</i>				
<i>Potatoes</i>				
<i>Potatoes</i>				
<i>Potatoes</i>				
<i>Shallots</i>				
<i>Sweet Potatoes</i>				
<i>Sweet Potatoes</i>				
<i>Sweet Potatoes</i>				
<i>Strawberries- Annuals</i>				
<i>Other</i>				

Planting Stock Annuals (continued):

For all non-organic annual planting stock, please answer the following questions:

What other sources did you check for organic planting stock before buying non-organic planting stock?
Please list the companies that you checked for organic planting stock.

List your reasons for purchasing non-organic planting stock. Acceptable reasons include: appropriate form, quantity, or quality not available. Non-organic planting stock may not be substituted for organic planting stock because of price differences.

Planting Stock Perennials:

Perennial stock includes fruit trees, berry plants, grapes, etc. Non-organic perennial stock is required to be managed organically for 12 months prior to harvest.

I am using Perennial Planting stock this year Yes No

If you answered yes, list all perennial planting stock you are purchasing, whether it is organic or not, as well as the quantity purchased, the variety, and the source.

BAYSTATE ORGANIC CERTIFIERS ABUTTER FORM

Name of Neighbor _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Specific Field Identification:

Organic field ID #	Neighbor's abutting field identification

Check the one that applies:

I verify that the following fields/areas under my management have had no synthetic fertilizers, herbicides or insecticides applied in the last 12 months. I have no plans to use these synthetic products on these fields in the future 12 months. In the event that I do use any synthetic fertilizers, herbicides or insecticides, I will inform: _____ of my plans.

I verify that the following fields/areas under my management have had prohibited pesticides, herbicides or fungicides applied in such a manner as to minimize the risk of drift to the neighboring organic fields and/or applied at a time of the season when the organic crop is either not in the ground or has no marketable above ground parts.

List all substances applied, the method of application and the date(s) of application.

Name and Type of Material	Method of Application	Equipment Used for Application	Date of Application

I verify that the above information is true and accurate.

Signature of Neighbor

Date Signed

HISTORY AFFIDAVIT FOR NEW FIELDS, PASTURES OR IN-GROUND PRODUCTION GREENHOUSES

Farm Name: _____ Physical Address of fields listed below: _____

1. Fill out this form for each field, pasture, or in-ground production greenhouse that you are certifying for the first time. You can put multiple fields on one page, **as long as they are at the same address**. Fields at separate locations need separate forms.
2. The form must be **signed and dated** for each of the previous 3 years **by whoever managed that field or greenhouse that year**. You may substitute signed letters from past managers or other documentation as long as your documentation contains the same information as this form.
3. If you managed the field, pasture, or greenhouse in each of the past 3 years then you should sign and date the form for each year.
4. *By signing, you are attesting that these inputs were the only substances applied, and that nothing prohibited by the NOP Standards was applied.*

	Planned for 2019		2018		2017		2016	
	Crops	Inputs	Crops	Inputs	Crops	Inputs	Crops	Inputs
Field #: _____		<i>Examples: manure, 5-4-3, Entrust, Pyganic, etc.</i>						
Acres: _____								
			Name of Manager 2018: _____		Name of Manager 2017: _____		Name of Manager 2016: _____	
	2018 Manager's Signature/Date:		2017 Manager's Signature/Date:		2016 Manager's Signature/Date:			
Field #: _____								
Acres: _____								
			Name of Manager 2018: _____		Name of Manager 2017: _____		Name of Manager 2016: _____	
	2018 Manager Signature/Date:		2017 Manager's Signature/Date:		2016 Manager's Signature/Date:			

Field No.	Planned for 2019		2018		2017		2016	
	Crops	Inputs	Crops	Inputs	Crops	Inputs	Crops	Inputs
Field #: _____								
Acres: _____			Name of Manager 2018: _____		Name of Manager 2017: _____		Name of Manager 2016: _____	
			2018 Manager's Signature/Date:		2017 Manager's Signature/Date:		2016 Manager's Signature/Date:	
Field #: _____								
Acres: _____			Name of Manager 2018: _____		Name of Manager 2017: _____		Name of Manager 2016: _____	
			2018 Manager's Signature/Date:		2017 Manager's Signature/Date:		2016 Manager's Signature/Date:	
Field #: _____								
Acres: _____			Name of Manager 2018: _____		Name of Manager 2017: _____		Name of Manager 2016: _____	
			2018 Manager's Signature/Date:		2017 Manager's Signature/Date:		2016 Manager's Signature/Date:	

**BAYSTATE ORGANIC CERTIFIERS
NEW DAIRY LIVESTOCK HISTORY AFFIDAVIT**

Please fill out this form **when you are certifying dairy livestock for the first time that you have been transitioning**. In addition, please attach evidence that the animals been managed organically for 12 months prior to certification. Evidence may include animal purchase records, grazing records, outdoor access records, feeding records, invoices for purchase of organic feed and supplements and allowed health products, veterinary records and herd health records including treatments used. If you cannot show that the animals have been managed according to the National Organic Standards, then Baystate will designate the animals as transitional, and assign a date as to when they can be certified.

Type of dairy animals being certified (cattle, goat, etc.): _____

List the IDs of each animal (attach separate sheet if needed): _____

Date that you began transitioning these animals: _____

I attest that beginning on the above-specified date, the above-specified animals have received only continuous, unbroken organic management, according to sections 205.236, 205.237 and 205.238 of the NOP Standards, as follows:

--Enough but not too much feed (including any bedding that's normally considered edible, like hay) composed of certified organic products, including pasture and forage, except that pasture, feed and forage from land that's in its 3rd year of transition to organic may be fed as long as it's only from my own operation's land;

--All ingredients in feed supplements and additives are either certified organic or allowed under NOP 205.603 and not prohibited under NOP 205.604, and don't include any hormones, antibiotics, plastic roughage, urea, manure, mammalian or poultry slaughter by-products, or any component in violation of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act;

--Daily pasture access (for all cattle over 6 months age) during the grazing season for my geographical region (which must be no less than 120 days in total) resulting in a total Dry Matter Intake (DMI) from pasture of at least 30% of the total Dry Matter Demand (DMD) for each class of animal, averaged over the entire class over the entire grazing season; exceptions to daily access must be brief and justified by conditions such as drought, extreme weather, pasture conditions, safety of the animal, illness/injury, birthing, drying off, preparation for shipping/sale, etc.;

--Daily access throughout the year to the outdoors, shade, shelter, exercise areas, fresh air, clean drinking water, direct sunlight appropriate to the species and age of the animal; exceptions must be temporary and justified as above;

-- Preventative health care including appropriate nutrition, housing and pasture conditions allowing exercise, freedom of movement and stress-reducing activities appropriate to the species, protection from injury, sanitation, physical alterations and vaccines/veterinary biologics as needed for preventative health and safety;

--When preventatives are inadequate, health treatments as allowed by NOP 205.203 and not prohibited by NOP 205.604, as long as parasiticides allowed under NOP 205.603 are used less than 90 days prior to end of transition; antibiotics and other treatments not allowed by NOP 205.603 are prohibited; however, withholding non-allowed treatment from a sick animal in order to maintain its organic status is prohibited.

Print Name _____ **Signature** _____ **Date** _____