

# Livestock History Affidavit

Please fill out this form for transitioning dairy livestock.

*Please attach evidence showing the animals been managed organically for 12 months prior to certification. Evidence may include the following: animal purchase records, grazing records, outdoor access records, feeding records, invoices for purchased organic feed, supplements and allowed health products, veterinary records, and health records. If you cannot show the animals have been managed according to the Organic Standards, Baystate will designate the animals as transitional and assign a date when they can be certified.*

Farm name:	Date:
<b>Complete the table below for all animals to be transitioned. Attach additional sheets if necessary.</b>	
<b>Type of Dairy Animal</b> (cow, goat, sheep, etc.)	<b>Animal IDs</b>
<b>Date Transition of Animals Began:</b>	

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 considered edible such as hay) composed of certified organic products, including pasture and forage, except that pasture, feed and forage from land in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year of organic transition may be fed as long as it's only from my 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, 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 ruminants 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 grazing season; exceptions to daily access must be brief and justified by conditions such as drought conditions, extreme weather, animal safety, illness/injury, breeding, 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 used less than 90 days prior to end of transition; antibiotics and other treatments not allowed by NOP 205.603 are prohibited; withholding non-allowed treatment from a sick animal just to maintain its organic status is prohibited.

I verify that the above statements are true and accurate.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_