

Organic Livestock Plan

Please fill out this form if you are requesting organic certification of any livestock except dairy animals, hogs or poultry.
 You must also submit an Organic Livestock Crop Plan with this form.
 If you are interested in certifying dairy animals, hogs or poultry, contact the Baystate office for the proper forms.

SECTION 1: General Information		
Farm Name	Certification No.	Date

SECTION 2: Organic Livestock Operation Profile	NOP 205.201, 205.236
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List all animals on farm currently and the # of animals you expect to be born on farm this year. List them as follows: for organic certification (O), and conventional (C).

Reminder: You must submit a separate updated list of animals on the farm (Herd List) each year.

LIVESTOCK TYPE	NO. FEMALES		NO. MALES		NO. CASTRATED MALES		NO. YOUNG STOCK	
	O	C	O	C	O	C	O	C
Beef Cattle								
Buffalo								
Sheep								
Meat Goats								
Deer								
Horse								
Other:								
Other:								

Other animals on farm: List numbers of organic and conventional dairy animals, hogs, poultry or any other livestock not listed above:

SECTION 3: Source of Animals	NOP 205.236
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NOP 205.236 requires that all organic slaughter stock be sourced from certified sources unless breeding stock was under full organic management beginning no later than the last third of the gestation period.

Are all organic slaughter stock raised on farm? Yes No

Do you purchase any livestock? Yes No If Yes, give specific information on purchased livestock in the table below.

TYPE OF LIVESTOCK PURCHASED	IDENTIFICATION NO./ NAME	DATE OF PURCHASE	PROJECTED OR REAL BIRTH DATE	PURCHASE SOURCE	IF CERTIFIED, BY WHAT AGENCY?

SECTION 4: Livestock Feed and Feed Supplements

NOP 205.237, 205.240

NOP Rule requires a total ration composed of organic agricultural products: Except, that nonsynthetic substances and synthetic substances allowed under §205. 603 may be used as feed additives and supplements. NOP 205.237 requires that ruminants derive 30% of their dry matter intake (DMI) from grazing throughout the grazing season. See DMI Calculation Worksheet and the USDA/NOP website for more information on calculating Dry Matter Intake from grazing.

A1. GRAZING SEASON FEED: Feed during the Grazing Season. (Attach a DMI Worksheet for each ruminant animal class)

LIVESTOCK	LIST RATION INGREDIENTS, % OF RATION, AND WHETHER ORGANIC (O), TRANSITIONAL (T), OR CONVENTIONAL (C) [EX: GROUND CORN, 10% (O)]	ESTIMATED DMI % FROM PASTURE	WHICH MONTHS (JUNE, JULY,ETC) ON PASTURE?
Breeding Cows, Heifers, Ewes, Does			
Slaughter Stock prior to finishing			
Finishing Stock			
Bulls, Bucks, Rams			
Young Stock			
Other			

A2. NON-GRAZING SEASON FEED: Feed ration during the Non-Grazing Season.

LIVESTOCK	LIST FEED RATION INGREDIENTS, PERCENT OF RATION, AND WHETHER ORGANIC (O), TRANSITIONAL (T), CONVENTIONAL (C) [EXAMPLE: GROUND CORN, 10% (O)]
Breeding Cows, Heifers, Ewes, Does	
Slaughter Stock prior to finishing	
Finishing Stock	
Bulls, Bucks, Rams	
Young stock	
Other	

Do you raise any feed on your farm? Yes No If Yes, describe what feed crops and amounts you raise.

Do you purchase any feed? Yes No If Yes, fill out the table below.

TYPE OF PURCHASED FEED	SOURCE(S)	CERTIFIED BY WHAT AGENCY?	QUANTITY PURCHASED/ TO BE PURCHASED	DATES PURCHASED

SECTION 4: FEED, CONTINUED:

Do you process feed (mix, grind, roast, extrude, etc.) on-farm? Yes No

If Yes, is the equipment also used to process conventional products? Yes No

If Yes, how is equipment cleaned prior to processing organic feed to prevent contamination?

What is your plan for emergency feed supplies?

Do you use milk replacer? Yes No If so, describe:

B. FEED SUPPLEMENTS AND ADDITIVES: No supplements or additives used

NOP defines an additive or supplement as nutrient(s) mixed with feed or offered free choice to improve the overall nutrient balance of the feed ration or fill a specific nutritional need. All ingredients must be organic or allowed under NOP 205.603.

List all feed supplements and additives, including silage inoculants & preservatives, salt, minerals, etc. in the table below.

FEED SUPPLEMENT/ ADDITIVE	SOURCE	BAYSTATE STATUS: APPROVED? YES OR NO	REASON FOR USE

C. FEED STORAGE:

Describe your feed storage in the table below, for any storage not already listed on your Organic Dairy Crop Plan:

STORAGE ID#	TYPE OF FEED STORED (HAY, BULK OR BAGGED GRAIN, ETC.)	TYPE OF STORAGE (MOW, SILO, ETC.)	CAPACITY	ORGANIC, TRANSITIONAL, CONVENTIONAL, OR BUFFER FEED?

How do you control pests (insects, rodents, etc.) in organic feed storage areas? No pests needing controlling

SECTION 5: Water NOP 205.203, 205.239

Water used for organic livestock must be potable and readily accessible.

What are your sources of water for livestock use?

on-site well municipal river/creek/pond spring other (specify):

What is the date of your last water test for coliform bacteria?

(Attach copy of test results if not already submitted)

If you use additives in the water, list them and state reason for use: No additives used

Describe any water contamination problems in your region: No contamination problems

SECTION 6: Housing

NOP 205.239

NOP 205.239 requires livestock living conditions to accommodate their health & natural behaviors. Ruminants must have daily access to pasture throughout the grazing season, and daily outdoor access year-round as appropriate to the species.

List ALL housing available for your animals in the table below. No housing access

TYPE OF HOUSING	DIMENSIONS OR SQUARE FOOTAGE	WHICH ANIMALS ARE HOUSED IN IT	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ANIMALS USING IT AT THE SAME TIME	WHAT BEDDING IS USED (STRAW, HAY, SAWDUST, ETC.)

If you are using straw, hay, or other plant roughage as bedding, is it from an organic source? Yes No Not Applicable

If yes, what is the source?

How often is housing cleaned out for each type of livestock?

How is housing cleaned?

Describe sanitation or cleaning products used:

How is ventilation provided?

How do you control pests in housing? (include products used)

Is day length regulated using artificial light? Yes No If Yes, how many hours of total light are given?

SECTION 7: Pasture And Outdoor Access

NOP 205.240

What are the average starting and ending dates of your grazing season for each type of livestock?

Give your total # of pasture acres for each livestock type, and maximum rate at which you stock them (animal units/acre):

Are any ruminants over 6 months of age ever kept off pasture during the grazing season? Yes No Not Applicable

If Yes, explain which animals do not get access, what time of year, for how long and for what reason(s):

How many hours a day do each class (breeders, slaughter stock, etc.) of animals spend on pasture, on average?

SECTION 7. PASTURE AND OUTDOOR ACCESS, CONTINUED:

What outdoor areas (feedlots, dry lots, yards, feeding pads) do animals have access to when not on pasture? List the size of each area and note which animals have access to it:

Can all animals fit into the outdoor area(s) during their time off pasture? Yes No If No, Explain:

How many hours/day are breeding females given outdoor access? Spring: Summer: Fall: Winter:

How many hours/day are slaughter stock given outdoor access? Spring: Summer: Fall: Winter:

How many hours/day are bulls/bucks/rams given outdoor access? Spring: Summer: Fall: Winter:

Have you temporarily confined animals (no outdoor or pasture access) at any time during the past year? Yes No

Do you ever confine (i.e. for birthing, weaning, wet conditions, extreme cold, severe weather, etc.)? Yes No If you answered Yes to either of the above, explain which animals do not get access, what time of year, for how long and for what reason(s):

SECTION 8: Health Management NOP 205.238, 205.603, 205.604

NOP Rules require use of preventive livestock health care practices. When preventives and veterinary biologics are insufficient to prevent sickness, synthetic medications may be used: Provided that they are allowed under NOP 205.238.

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Do you monitor your livestock's health? Yes No If Yes, how often?

Identify the general components of your animal health management program:

- selective breeding raise own replacement stock isolation for purchased/diseased animals culling vaccinations
- good sanitation access to outdoors dry bedding good ventilation in housing good quality feed
- pasture rotation body condition monitoring nutritional supplements probiotics approved veterinary treatments
- prohibited veterinary treatments other (specify):

Do you ever withhold conventional treatment from an ill animal after organic methods have failed, just to maintain its organic status? Yes No

B. HEALTHCARE MATERIALS List health products/treatments in use or available for use, including vaccinations: None

PRODUCT, INCLUDING SOURCE/BRAND NAME, IF APPLICABLE	ANIMAL(S) USED ON, WHEN USED	REASON FOR USE, IF/WHEN USED	ALLOWED BY BAYSTATE?

SECTION 8-B. HEALTHCARE MATERIALS, CONTINUED:

Do you use any hormones? Yes No If Yes, list them above and state reason for use:

If you use antibiotics, list in table above. Not used

If you use parasiticides, list in table above. Not used

Name and phone number of your veterinarian:

C. SURGICAL PRACTICES

NOP 205.238 requires the performance of physical alterations as needed to promote the animals welfare and to be done in a manner that minimizes pain and stress.

Describe the surgical practices you use in the table below: None used

SURGICAL PRACTICE	SPECIFIC METHOD/TOOL(S) USED, LIVESTOCK USED ON AND YOUR REASON FOR USING THIS PRACTICE
Castration	
Dehorning	
Tail Docking	
Other (Specify)	

D. FLY, PARASITE AND PREDATOR CONTROL:

MONITORING: Check if you monitor livestock for: Fly-related problems Parasites Predators If you don't monitor for one or more of these, explain why:

If flies need controlling in your operation, what do you do to prevent or control them? N/A

If internal or external parasites need controlling in your operation, what are they and how do you control them? N/A

Check which predators require controlling on your operation:

hawks feral cats raccoons/skunks, etc. dogs foxes coyotes other (specify):

Describe how you control predators in the table below. No predator control needed

PREDATOR	CONTROLS USED	PRODUCTS USED	APPROVED, RESTRICTED, PROHIBITED?

If you use poison baits, list products in the table above. None used

SECTION 9: Slaughter

NOP 205.100, 205.239, 205.272

NOP standards require humane methods of loading, unloading, holding and slaughter. Slaughter facilities must be certified.

If you slaughter your own livestock, describe slaughter and processing procedures for each type: Don't slaughter our own

If slaughtered off-farm, give name, address, contact person and phone number of each slaughter facility:

Is the facility certified organic? Yes No If Yes, by what agency?

Reminder: You must maintain organic certificates on file for off-farm slaughter facilities that are certified.

How is each type of livestock loaded?

Do you use electric prods? Yes no

What form of transportation is used?

How long does transportation take for each type of livestock?

Are animals provided with feed in transit? Yes No Water? Yes no

Where are animals kept after delivery to slaughter facility but before slaughter?

How do you insure that animals would only be fed allowed feed while awaiting slaughter?

How many hours from loading until time of slaughter?

Are organic animals kept separate from non-organic animals? Yes no

Describe the method of off-farm slaughter:

SECTION 10: Animal Identification

NOP 205.236, 205.238, 205.272

NOP standards require individual animal ID for slaughter stock. Separation and identification are required for those animals that have been treated with prohibited products.

Describe your animal identification system for each species:

If an individual animal required treatment with a prohibited material, how would they be identified and/or segregated?

SECTION 11: Recordkeeping

NOP 205.103

NOP standards require documentation of purchased animals and/or breeding records; purchased feed and feed supplements; health records; and sales/shipping records. Other records include water tests and label information from purchased feed/feed supplements. Please have your records available for review by the inspector.

Check types of records you keep:

- documentation of purchased animals
- breeding
- birthing
- feed/supplements purchase
- proof of feed certification
- feed rations for each class of animal
- individual animal health records
- sales
- feed storage
- shipping/transportation
- access to pasture/access to the outdoors
- slaughter
- other (list):

SECTION 12: Marketing

NOP 205.303 through 205.309

TYPE OF MARKETING:

- farmers market
- direct to retail
- CSA/subscription service
- on-farm retail
- wholesale
- wholesale to processor
- contract to buyer
- other (specify):

Do (or will) your product labels make any organic claims? Yes no **(If Yes, attach samples of all organic labels.)**

SECTION 13 : Affirmation

I affirm that all statements made in this application are true and correct. No prohibited products have been applied to any of my organically managed fields during the three-year period prior to projected organic harvest. I understand that my operation may be subject to inspection and/or sampling for residues at any time as deemed appropriate to ensure compliance with the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 and National Organic Program Rules and Regulations. I understand that acceptance of my application for organic certification in no way implies granting of certification by Baystate Organic Certifiers. I agree to provide further information as required by Baystate Organic Certifiers.

Furthermore, I agree to abide by the following general requirements for certification as specified in section 205.400 of the National Organic Standards. A person seeking to receive or maintain organic certification must:

1. Comply with the Organic Food Productions Act and all applicable regulations specified in the National Organic Standards and with all Baystate Organic Certifiers certification requirements as outlined in the Baystate Organic Certifiers Program Manual.
2. Establish, implement, and update annually an organic production or handling system plan that is submitted to Baystate Organic Certifiers.
3. Permit on-site inspections by Baystate Organic Certifiers with complete access to the production or handling operation, including noncertified production and handling areas, structures, and offices.
4. Maintain all records applicable to the organic operation for not less than 5 years beyond their creation and allow authorized representatives of the Secretary of Agriculture, and Baystate Organic Certifiers access to such records during normal business hours for review and copying to determine compliance with the Organic Food Productions Act and all applicable regulations specified in the National Organic Standards.
5. Submit applicable fees according to the Baystate Organic Certifiers' Fee Worksheet.
6. Immediately notify Baystate Organic Certifiers concerning any:
 - Application, including drift, of a prohibited substance to any field, production unit, site, facility, livestock, or product that is part of an operation; and
 - Notify Baystate of any change in a certified operation or any portion of a certified operation that may affect its compliance with the Act and the regulations in this part.
7. Submit all labels used to market organic produce, meat, or products to Baystate Organic Certifiers for review and approval prior to using these labels to market the produce, meat, or products.

Signature of Operator _____

Date _____

I have made copies of this questionnaire and other supporting documents for my own records, or maintain digital records.

Submit completed form, fees, and supporting documents to:

**Baystate Organic Certifiers
c/o Don Franczyk
1220 Cedarwood Circle
N. Dighton, MA 02764**