

Grass-Fed Livestock Plan

Please fill out this form if you are requesting grass-fed certification of any organic livestock. Separate Organic Livestock Crop Plan and Organic Livestock Plan must also be submitted for livestock operations. If certifying processed products, please complete the Grass-Fed Handling Plan.

SECTION 1: General Information

Farm Name:	BOC Certification No.	Date:
What are you planning to certify as grass-fed? <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy <input type="checkbox"/> Meat <input type="checkbox"/> Processed Products <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
Are you currently certified grass-fed through another certification program? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, what program:		

SECTION 2: Grass-Fed Livestock Profile

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), for grass-fed certification (G) 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	G	C	O	G	C	O	G	C	O	G	C
Dairy Cattle												
Beef												
Sheep												
Goats												
Other:												

SECTION 3: Source of Animals

Grass-fed standards require that all organic grass-fed slaughter stock be sourced from certified organic grass-fed sources.

Are all grass-fed animals raised on farm? Yes No N/A
 If no, have you attached a separate page listing the type of livestock purchased, their sources, their ID numbers/names, and the date of purchase? Yes No

Did you purchase any livestock this year? Yes No

Please retain the current certificates from the organic grass-fed sources for your records.

SECTION 4: Pasture, Feed and Supplements

Grass-fed standards require a minimum of 60% DMI from grazing. See grass-fed standards for allowed feed additives and supplements. See DMI Calculation Worksheet for more information on calculating Dry Matter Intake from grazing.

FEED: (Attach a DMI Worksheet for each ruminant animal class)

LIVESTOCK	LIST RATION INGREDIENTS, % OF RATION	ESTIMATED DMI % FROM PASTURE	WHICH MONTHS ON PASTURE?
Dairy: Milking Herd			
Dairy: Dry Cows and Heifers			
Slaughter: Breeding Cows/Heifers			
Slaughter: Finishing Stock			
Dairy/Slaughter: Young Stock			
Other			

Do you have enough pastures to sustain the grass-fed herd for a 150-day grazing season? Yes No

If no, explain how you will comply with this requirement:

How many days are grass-fed animal groups on pasture out of the year?

Are any ruminants over 6 months of age kept off pasture during the grazing season? Yes No N/A

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

Do you raise any feed on your farm? Yes No

If yes, describe what feed crops and amounts you raise:

Any grain/corn crops harvested or grazed in the vegetative state before the crop sets grain? Yes No

Are you documenting harvest dates? Yes No

Any organic grain fed to animals under 6 months of age? Yes No

Note that non-routine organic grain feeding plans for animals under 6 months of age is permitted for only 3 years of using this plan. A written plan must be submitted to Baystate Organic Certifiers for approval prior to implementation of the plan.

If yes, what date are you anticipating starting this feeding plan?

If yes, what date do you anticipate as the end of this feeding plan?

If yes, how much and how often?

Any feeding of sprouted grains (fodder sprouts)? Yes No

Describe how you remove the roots prior to feeding:

PURCHASED FEED: fill out the table below

No purchased feed

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

FEED SUPPLEMENTS, VITAMINS AND ADDITIVES:

None 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, vitamins and additives, including inoculants, preservatives, salt, minerals, etc. in the table below.

FEED SUPPLEMENT/ ADDITIVE/VITAMIN	BRAND/MANUFACTURER	BOC STATUS: APPROVED? YES OR NO	REASON FOR USE

SECTION 5: Marketing and Recordkeeping

Will your grass-fed products have any labeling or packaging? Yes No

If Yes, have you submitted all labels for review and approval prior to use? Yes No

Check types of records you keep:

- purchased animal documentation breeding records feed/supplements purchase invoices feed certificates
- sales records herd list feed rations records restricted feed rations records health records milk production
- grazing records slaughter records *other (list):*

SECTION 6: Affirmation

I affirm that all statements made in this application are true and correct. I understand my facility may be subject to inspection to ensure compliance with the Organic Plus Trust Inc.'s 100% Grass-Fed Certification program that Baystate Organic Certifiers is accredited to participate in. I understand acceptance of my application for grass-fed 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 the grass-fed standards. A person seeking to receive or maintain grass-fed certification must:

1. Comply with all applicable grass-fed certification requirements as outlined in the 100% Grass-Fed Certification Program Manual.
2. Establish, implement, and update annually a grass-fed system plan that is submitted to Baystate Organic Certifiers.
3. Permit on-site inspections by Baystate Organic Certifiers with complete access to the production within the operation, including noncertified production and areas, structures, and offices.
4. Maintain all records applicable to the grass-fed operation for not less than 5 years beyond their creation and allow authorized representatives of Baystate Organic Certifiers access to such records during normal business hours for review and copying to determine compliance with all applicable regulations specified in the grass-fed standards.
5. Submit applicable fees according to the Baystate Organic Certifiers' Fee Schedule.
6. Immediately notify Baystate Organic Certifiers concerning any change in a grass-fed operation or any portion of the operation that may affect its compliance with the regulations.
7. Submit all labels used to market grass-fed products to Baystate Organic Certifiers for review and approval prior to using these labels to market the products.

Signature of Owner/Manager: _____ Date _____

I have made copies of this Grass-Fed Livestock Plan and other supporting documents for my own records.

Application forms may be emailed to: applications@baystateorganic.org.

Submit copies, fees, and supporting documents to:

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