

# Organic Livestock Plan

Please complete this questionnaire if you are requesting organic livestock, poultry and/or dairy certification. The Organic Farm Plan must also be submitted. See the Application Checklist for Livestock for additional information that must be submitted with this Plan.

**SECTION 1: General Information** 205.201, 205.300-11, 205.401

Farm name:		Date:	Organic certification number:	
Owner:		Livestock manager (if different than owner):		
Phone:		Mobile phone:		
Physical Address (if different than main farm operation):		City:	State/province:	Postal/zip code:

**1-1. What are you requesting to certify as organic?**

- |   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy – Cattle     | <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy – Goats        | <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy – Sheep | <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Processed Products  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meat – Cattle      | <input type="checkbox"/> Meat – Goats         | <input type="checkbox"/> Meat – Sheep  | <input type="checkbox"/> Hogs <input type="checkbox"/> Bison <input type="checkbox"/> Meat Processed Products                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chickens – Layers* | <input type="checkbox"/> Chickens – Broilers* | <input type="checkbox"/> Turkeys*      | <input type="checkbox"/> Ducks* <input type="checkbox"/> Geese* <input type="checkbox"/> Eggs* <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): |

*\*If you are certifying any poultry, complete SECTION 9: Poultry Addendum at the end of this form.*

*If you wish to certify your organic livestock or dairy as 100% Grass-Fed, please complete the Grass-Fed Plan.*

*If you wish to have on-farm slaughter or certify processed livestock products, please complete the On-Farm Handling Plan.*

**1-2. List all non-organic livestock on farm:**  N/A

**SECTION 2: General Animal Information**

205.201, 205.236

List all animals as follows: for organic certification (O), in dairy transition (T) conventional (C) and (B) breeder. Please note: the transition (T) category is only for dairy animals transitioning to organic as part of a Dairy Herd Conversion. The Breeder category is for animals that are not eligible for organic certification but are managed organically to produce organic offspring.

**2-1. Did you submit your dairy or slaughter stock herd list this year?**  Yes  No  N/A

**2-2. List below all animals on farm currently, including the number anticipated to be born this year.**

Type	Females				Males		Castrated Males		Youngstock			
	O	T	C	B	O	C	O	C	O	T	C	
Cattle - Dairy												
Cattle - Meat		–									–	
Sheep - Dairy												
Sheep - Meat		–									–	
Goats - Dairy												
Goats - Meat		–									–	
Pigs		–									–	
Buffalo		–									–	
Chickens - Layers		–						–	–	–	–	–
Chickens - Broilers		–						–	–	–	–	–
Turkeys		–										
Ducks		–										
Geese		–										
Other Livestock:		–										
Other Poultry:		–						–	–	–	–	–

**2-3. How do you keep non-organic and organic animals segregated?**  N/A, no non-organic animals.

**3A. LIVESTOCK SOURCES**

The Organic Standards require all organic slaughter stock be sourced from certified sources unless breeding stock was purchased prior to the last third of the gestation period. Dairy stock must comply with 205.236(a)(2).

**3A-1. Are all organic dairy replacements raised on farm?**  Yes  No  N/A

**3A-2. Are all organic slaughter stock raised on farm?**  Yes  No  N/A

**3A-3. Did you purchase any livestock this year?**  Yes  No

If yes, complete the table on purchased livestock below. Attach additional sheets, in necessary.

Livestock Type Purchased	Livestock IDs	Purchase Date	DOB	Source	Certified By?

**3B. LIVESTOCK FEED AND FEED RATIOS:**

The Organic Standards requires a total feed ration of organic agricultural products including pasture and forage: Except, non-synthetic substances and allowed synthetic substances under §205.603 may be used as feed additives and supplements. Section 205.237 requires ruminant livestock derive 30% of their dry matter intake from grazing throughout the grazing season. See DMI Calculation Worksheet and the USDA/NOP website for information on calculating Dry Matter Intake from grazing.

**3B-1. Complete the table for feed rations during the grazing season for all animals.** List each feed item, what % of the total ration it is, how much is fed per week or per month. If you're using blends, list manufacturer, blend name and type of blend and submit an ingredients list. For each new blend and for new applicants, submit an organic certificate for the blend manufacturer.

**EXAMPLE: OG corn, 33% ration, 11-lb fed**

Attach DMI Worksheets for each ruminant animal group, as applicable.

LIVESTOCK	LIST ALL FEEDS, RATION %, AMOUNTS FED	ESTIMATED DMI % FROM PASTURE	WHICH MONTHS ON PASTURE?
Cattle – Dairy Milking Herd			
Cattle – Dry, Bred & Heifers			
Cattle – Youngstock			
Cattle – Meat Animals			
Sheep – Dairy Milking Herd			
Sheep – Dry, Bred & Youngstock			
Sheep – Meat Animals			
Goats – Dairy Milking Herd			
Goats – Dry, Bred & Youngstock			
Goats – Meat Animals			
Pigs		-	
Buffalo			
Other livestock:			
Other livestock:			

**3B. LIVESTOCK FEED RATIONS (cont.)**

**3B-2. Complete the table for feed rations during the non-grazing season.**

LIVESTOCK	LIST ALL FEEDS, RATION %, AMOUNTS FED
Cattle – Dairy Milking Herd	
Cattle – Dry, Bred & Heifers	
Cattle – Youngstock	
Cattle – Meat Animals	
Sheep – Dairy Milking Herd	
Sheep – Dry, Bred & Youngstock	
Sheep – Meat Animals	
Goats – Dairy Milking Herd	
Goats – Dry, Bred & Youngstock	
Goats – Meat Animals	
Pigs	
Buffalo	
Other livestock:	

**3B-3. Do you raise any feed on your farm?**  Yes  No  
If yes, list what feed crops and amounts you raise:

**3B-4. If you bale hay on-farm, are you using untreated baling twine?**  Yes  No

**3B-5. Do you feed non-organic feed to any other animals on the farm?**  Yes  No  
If yes, where is the non-organic feed stored?  
If yes, how do you prevent your organic livestock and/or poultry from consuming the non-organic feed?

**3B-6. Feed inventory records are required at least once a year so that rations are auditable at inspection. List the current quantities of all feed that is on-farm (include all purchased and grown amounts and note whether the feed is organic or non-organic). Please note the date inventory was taken, and if zero feed is on hand, report those quantities as zero:**

**3C. LIVESTOCK PURCHASED FEED:**

**3C-1. Did you purchase or do you plan on purchasing any feed this year?**  Yes  No  
If yes, fill out the table below.

Type of Purchased Feed	Sources	Certified By?	Quantities Purchased

**3C-2. 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?

**3C-3. What is your plan for emergency feed supplies?**

**3C-4. Do you use milk replacer?**  Yes  No  N/A  
If yes, describe:

**3D. RUMINANT PASTURE:**  Not Applicable, skip to the next section

*The Organic Standards require that organic livestock operations submit a functioning management plan for their pastures with their Organic System Plan.*

**3D-1. Are there enough pastures to sustain all ruminant animal groups for the grazing season?**  Yes  No

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

**3D-2. Are ruminant animals grazed for a minimum of 120 days per calendar year?**  Yes  No

**3D-3. Are any ruminants over 6 months of age kept off pasture during the grazing season?**  Yes  No

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

**3D-4. Provide the typical beginning and ending dates for the ruminant grazing season in your area:**

**3D-5. What outdoor areas (feed/dry lots, yards, pads) do ruminant animals have access to when not on pasture? List the size of each area and note which animals have access to it:**

**3D-6. Can all animals fit into the outdoor area(s) during the time period when they are not on pasture?**  Yes  No

**3D-7. Do you use irrigation in any of your pastures?**  Yes  No

If yes, list pasture IDs and method of irrigation used in each:

**3D-8. What overall practices do you use to protect natural resources and ensure pastures are of a sufficient quality with enough quantities available for grazing throughout the grazing season?**

- reseed trampled/eroded areas  manage frequency, stocking rate and timing of grazing to allow pasture regeneration  
 provide ample shaded areas to reduce soil compaction  plant diverse native species  wet areas not grazed  
 prevent excess manure deposits  encourage plant growth to filter runoff  other (specify)

**3D-9. How many hours/day are milking animals given outdoor access?**  N/A, no milking herd

Spring: Summer: Fall: Winter:

**3D-10. How many hours/day are heifers/dry cows/slaughterstock given outdoor access?**  N/A, no animals in this age group

Spring: Summer: Fall: Winter:

**3D-11. How many hours/day are youngstock given outdoor access?**  N/A, no animals in this age group

Spring: Summer: Fall: Winter:

**3E. PIG FORAGE AREAS**  Not Applicable, skip to the next section

**3E-1. Are you using any pasture, woods for silvopasturing or other outdoor forage areas for pigs?**  Yes  No

If yes, list all fields, woods, pasture or outdoor access area IDs:

**3E-2. Do you provide any areas for wallowing?**  Yes  No

If yes, are they kept wet in the summer months?  Yes  No

**3E-3. Provide the typical beginning and ending dates for outdoor forage for pigs in your area:**

**3E-5. What additional outdoor areas (feed/dry lots, yards, pads) do pigs have access to? List the size of each area and note what age groups have access to it:**

**3E-6. Can all animals fit into these outdoor area(s) during the time period when they are not on pasture?**  Yes  No

**3E-7. What overall practices do you use to protect natural resources and outdoor forage areas for pigs?**

- reseed trampled/eroded areas  manage frequency, stocking rate and timing of access to allow plant regeneration  
 provide shaded areas to reduce soil compaction  plant diverse native species  prevent excess manure deposits  
 encourage plant growth to filter runoff  other (specify)

**3F. FEED SUPPLEMENTS & ADDITIVES**

*Organic Standards define a feed 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 agricultural ingredients in feed supplements and additives must be organic; certain synthetics are also allowed under NOP 205.603. Feed supplements and additives must not be fed in amounts above those needed for adequate nutrition and health maintenance for the species at its specific stage of life.*

**3F-1. Did you purchase or do you plan on purchasing any feed supplements or additives this year?**  Yes  No  
 If yes, fill out the table below, including silage inoculants & preservatives, salt, minerals, etc.

Feed Supplement/Additive	Sources	Amounts Fed Per Week or Per Month	Restricted? Yes or No	Reason for Use

**3F-2. Feed supplement inventory records are required at least once a year so that rations are auditable at inspection. List the current quantities on-farm, including the date you took inventory. If zero is on hand, report those quantities as zero:**

**3G. FEED STORAGE:**

**3G-1. Do you have any feed storage?**  Yes  No  
 If yes, fill out the table below, including any storage not listed on the Organic Farm Plan for crop storage.

Storage ID	Type of Storage (Mow, Silo, Bin, etc.)	Capacity	Type of Feed Stored (Hay, Bulk/Bagged Grain, etc.)	Organic, Transitional, Conventional or Buffer

**3G-2. How do you control pests (insects, rodents, etc.) in organic feed storage areas?**  none  
 good sanitation  screened windows/vents  removal of habitat/food sources  crack/crevice spray  electrocutors  
 sticky traps  inspection zones around interior perimeter  physical barriers  sheet metal on building exterior  
 sealed doors/windows  ultrasound/light devices  repairs of holes/cracks, etc.  pheromone traps  
 mechanical traps  other (specify)

**3G-3. Do you keep records of your pest monitoring and management activities?**  Yes  No

**3H. WATER**

*Water used for organic livestock must be potable and readily accessible. Baystate requires, at a minimum, that initial water tests for coliform be submitted for water used in the milk room. Additional tests may be required based on risk factors.*

**3H-1. What are your sources of water for livestock use?**  
 on-site well  municipal  river/creek/pond  spring  other (specify):

**3H-2. Do you use additives in the water, such as cider vinegar?**  Yes  No  
 If yes, are they organic?  Yes  No

**3H-3. How do you manage water for the needs of crops/livestock, native species and/or riparian areas?**  N/A  
 water conservation  planting drought-tolerant natives  correct pond locations  use fish screens with pumps  
 scheduled irrigation  protect/improve natural function of riparian area  other (specify)

**3H-4. Known contaminants in water supplies in your area:** *(attach residue analysis and/or salinity test results, if applicable)*

**3H-5. How do you minimize water contamination problems?**  N/A  
 fencing livestock from waterways  stream crossing  sediment basin  fertilizer/compost stored away from water  
 prevent nutrient leaching from over-irrigation  grassy waterways/wetlands/riparian buffers to filter water  
 other (specify)

**3I. LIVESTOCK HOUSING**

*The Organic Standards 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.*

**3I-1. List all housing provided to each animal group.**  N/A, no housing provided.

Type of Housing	Animal Group Housed	Dimensions / Square Footage	Number of Animals Housed	Type of Bedding Used

**3I-2. What types of bedding are used in their housing?** (Check all that apply.)

Feed source types:  Grass  Hay  Straw  Other edible roughage

Non-feed source types:  Sawdust  Wood shaving  Other non-edible material

**3I-3. If you are using straw, hay or other edible roughage as bedding, is it sourced as organic?**  Yes  No  N/A

If yes, what is the source?

If yes, do you have proof on file that the source is organic?  Yes  No

**3I-4. How often is housing cleaned out?**

**3I-5. How is housing cleaned? List sanitation and/or cleaning materials used, including brand and manufacturer:**

**3I-6. What pest control measures are used in their housing? List any materials used, including brand and manufacturer:**

No pest control materials used

**3I-7. How is ventilation provided?**

**3I-8. How do you maintain housing to prevent health and safety hazards for the animals?** *Check all that apply.*

none  graded entrances/exits  clean up debris  divert drainage from walkways  lime for traction

other (specify):

**3J. LIVESTOCK HEALTH MANAGEMENT**

*The Organic Standards require preventive livestock health care practices be used when needed. When preventives and veterinary biologics are insufficient to prevent sickness, synthetic medications may be used provided that such medications are allowed under NOP 205.238.*

**3J-1. How do you manage animal health?** *Check all that apply.*

selective breeding  raise own replacement stock  isolation for purchased/diseased animals  vaccinations

culling  good sanitation  access to outdoors  dry bedding  good ventilation in housing  good quality feed

pasture rotation  body condition monitoring  nutritional supplements  approved veterinary treatments

probiotics  prohibited veterinary treatments  other (specify):

**3J-2. Do you withhold conventional treatment from an ill animal after organic methods have failed in order to maintain its organic status?**  Yes  No

**3K. HEALTHCARE MATERIALS:**  Not Applicable, skip to next section

**3K-1. List all healthcare materials and treatments in use or planned, including vaccinations, hormone use, antibiotics, and parasiticides.**

Material Brand Name & Manufacturer	Animals Used On	Reason for Use	When Used	Approved? Yes or No

**3K-2. Name and contact information for your veterinarian:**

**3L. PHYSICAL ALTERATIONS:**  Not Applicable, skip to next section

*Organic Standards require physical alterations as needed to promote the animal's welfare be performed in ways to minimize pain and stress.*

**3L-1. Fill out the table below, including any administered by a veterinarian.**

Surgical Procedure	Method and Tools Used	Reason for Procedure
Castration		
Dehorning		
Tail Docking		
Nose/Septum Rings		
Teeth Clipping		
Other:		

**3L-2. For any physical alteration, describe how pain and stress are minimized:**  N/A

**3M. PEST AND PREDATOR CONTROLS:**

**3M-1. Check all pest and predators that you monitor your animals for:**

none  flies  parasites  raptor predators  reptilian predators  small and large mammalian predators

**3M-2. What strategies do you use to coexist with and reduce conflicts with predators?**  N/A

guard animals  predator lights  restrict grazing when predator pressure is high  night corrals  electric fencing  
 livestock bred for protective instincts  small and large animals grazed together  other (specify)

**3M-3. Do you keep records of pest and/or predator material use?**  Yes  No

**3M-4. List all pest and predator control materials (including any poison baits) used or planned for use:**  N/A

Pest or Predator	Material Used	Brand Name / Manufacturer	Approved? Yes or No

**4A. MILK PRODUCTION**  Not Applicable, skip to next section**4A-1. Check all types of milk handling systems in use.** (check all that apply)

- pipeline  automated  step saver  hand milking  tie stall  stanchion  
 rotary parlor  herringbone parlor  parallel parlor  tandem parlor  other (specify):

**4A-2. How are you licensed?**  Grade A  Grade B  other (specify):**4A-3. Describe your typical cleaning cycle for milking equipment, including water temperature, number of rinses, etc.:****4A-4. List all cleaners and sanitizers used in your milk production.**

Cleaners and Sanitizers	Brand Name & Manufacturer
Detergents:	
Acid Cleaners:	
Sanitizers:	
Teat dips:	
Udder washes:	
Other:	
Other:	

**4A-5. Report your most recent 6 somatic cell counts:**

1		2		3		4		5		6	
Date		Date		Date		Date		Date		Date	
SCC		SCC		SCC		SCC		SCC		SCC	

**4A-6. How often do you change inflations?****4A-7. How many animals do you currently milk?****4A-8. Report your last 6 milking quantities:**

1		2		3		4		5		6	
Date		Date		Date		Date		Date		Date	
Total Lbs.		Total Lbs.		Total Lbs.		Total Lbs.		Total Lbs.		Total Lbs.	

**4B. MILK BOTTLING**  Not Applicable, skip to next section**4B-1. Do you bottle milk in retail packaging for sale?**  Yes  No

If yes, list the equipment used and how it is cleaned prior to organic use:

**4B-2. List any cleaning/sanitizing materials used in bottling that are not already reported in 5A-4:****4B-3. What packaging is used for the bottling?** Check all that apply.

- reusable bottles  new bottles only  customer provides containers  other (specify):

**4B-4. If you use reusable bottles, describe how they are cleaned before reuse, including equipment and cleaning/sanitizing materials used not already reported in 5A-4:**



**SECTION 5: Livestock Slaughter**

205.100, 205.239, 205.272

*The Organic Standards require humane methods of loading, unloading, holding and slaughter. Organic meat products must be produced at a certified organic slaughter facility.*

**5A. SLAUGHTER**  Not Applicable, skip to next section

**5A-1. How do you slaughter your livestock?**

- on-farm slaughter  
 off-farm certified organic slaughter facility  
 off-farm non-organic slaughter facility

**5A-2. For on-farm slaughter, I have submitted the On-Farm Handling Plan:**  Yes  No  N/A, slaughter is off-farm

*If you want to certify any on-farm slaughter, multi-ingredient meat products, or if you want to be certified to slaughter anyone else's organic animals, you must submit an On-Farm Handling Plan.*

**5A-3. For on-farm slaughter, what regulatory permit(s) do you hold?**

**5A-4. If animals are slaughtered off-farm, provide the facility's organic status, name and contact information:**  N/A

*You must maintain organic certificates on file for any off-farm certified organic slaughter facilities.*

**5A-5. How many animals or lbs. of parts do you anticipate harvesting this year?**

**5A-6. Meat inventory records are required at least once a year so that amounts are auditable at inspection. List the current quantities of slaughtered animals or lbs. of parts in storage (include the date inventory was taken, and if zero is on hand, report those quantities as zero):**

**5B. TRANSPORT**  Not Applicable, skip to next section

**5B-1. I transport my animals:**  For sale as live animals  For slaughter to organic slaughter facility  
 For slaughter to non-organic slaughter facility (*skip to next section*)

**5B-2. How are animals loaded?**

**5B-3. Do you use electric prods?**  Yes  no

**5B-4. What form of transportation is used?**

**5B-5. How many hours from loading until point of sale or arrival at slaughter facility?**

**5B-6. Any provisions provided in transit?**  Food  Water  Both food and water  None

**SECTION 6: Animal Identification**

205.236, 205.238, 205.272

*The Organic Standards require individual animal ID for slaughter & dairy stock. Separation and identification are required for those animals that have been treated with prohibited products.*

**6-1. What methods do you use to identify your organic animals?** Check all that apply.

- ear tags  neck chains  tattoo  ear-notching  photo documentation  visual markings  other (specify):

**6-2. If an individual animal required conventional treatment, how would they be identified and/or segregated?**

**SECTION 7: Monitoring and Recordkeeping**

205.103

*The Organic Standards require that records disclose all activities and transactions of the operation, be maintained for 5 years, and demonstrate compliance with the NOP Rule. All records must be accessible to the inspector.*

**7A. MONITORING:**

**7A-1. How do you monitor the implementation of your organic system plan, including recording the frequency of your monitoring?** (*Check off all that apply.*)

- Updating of the Organic Livestock Plan and accompanying documents  annually  other (specify)  
 Auditing your own recordkeeping  annually  monthly  other (specify)  
 Do you keep records of your internal audits?  Yes  No  
 Verification that material label instructions are followed?  daily  weekly  monthly  other (specify)  
 Do you keep records of these verifications?  Yes  No  
 Other monitoring (specify):  annually  monthly  other (specify)

**7B. RECORDKEEPING:****7B-1. Which of the following records do you keep for organic livestock and poultry production? (Check all that apply)**

- field maps of all pastures and outdoor access areas
- pasture and outdoor access records
- confinement records
- purchase records for new animals
- purchase records for feed/feed supplements
- organic certificates for purchased organic animals and/or feed
- feed rations for each class of animal
- breeding/birthing records
- animal health records (mortalities, illness, healthcare material use, parasite issues, injuries, etc.)
- egg production records
- milk production records
- milk bottling records
- monitoring records (soil tests, tissue tests, water tests, quality tests, somatic cell counts, recorded observations)
- samples of labels in use
- sales records (purchase order, contract, invoice, cash receipts, cash receipt journal, sales journal, etc.)
- shipping records (scale ticket, bill of lading)
- slaughter/processing records
- other (specify)

**7B-2. Describe your overall recordkeeping system:**

- paper  digital  both paper and digital  field notebooks  daily record sheets  monthly spreadsheets
- phone apps  other (specify)

**7B-3. Does your recordkeeping system disclose all activities from purchase or birth of animals through milk/meat production and/or sale of products?**  Yes  No**7B-4. How long do you keep your records?** *The Organic Standards require 5 years minimum.*

- 1 year  2 years  3 years  4 years  5 years  other (specify)

**7C. MARKETING****7C-1. Types of marketing:**  farmers market  direct to retail  CSA/subscription service  wholesale  on-farm retail  
 internet/website  bulk to processor  contract to buyer  other (specify)**7C-2. Are you selling live animals?**  Yes  No**7C-3. Are you using any labels to market your organic produce or products?**  Yes  No  
If yes, have you submitted all labels for review and approval prior to use?  Yes  No**7C-4. Do you import organic ingredients for processed products or livestock feed for your farm from Canada or any other foreign country?**  Yes  No*If yes, then you must fill out the Baystate Crop/Livestock Import/Export Addendum.***7C-5. Do you export organic livestock products to Canada or any foreign country?**  Yes  No  
*If yes, then you must fill out the Baystate Crop/Livestock Import/Export Addendum.*

**SECTION 8: Affirmation**

I affirm that all statements made in this application are true and correct. I understand my facility may be subject to inspection and/or residues sampling at any time deemed appropriate to ensure compliance with the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 and NOP Rules and Regulations. I understand 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 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 Schedule.
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 Owner/Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I have made copies of this Organic System Plan and other supporting documents for my own records.

**Application forms may be emailed to: [applications@baystateorganic.org](mailto:applications@baystateorganic.org).**

**Submit hardcopy application packets, copies, fees, and supporting documents to:  
Baystate Organic Certifiers, c/o Don Franczyk, 1220 Cedarwood Circle, N. Dighton, MA 02764**

**9-1. Are you certifying organic poultry and/or eggs?**  Yes  No, SKIP POULTRY SECTION

*Note the number of all poultry on farm currently, including the number anticipated to be purchased or raised this year. List them as follows: for organic certification (O) and conventional (C).*

**9-2. Complete the table below with all poultry on-farm for this year.**

Type of Poultry	Laying Hens/Ducks		Broiler/Slaughter Stock		Males	
	O	C	O	C	O	C
New chicks hatched on-farm						
Chickens						
New poults hatched on-farm						
Turkeys						
New ducklings hatched on-farm						
Ducks						
New goslings hatched on-farm						
Geese						
Other poultry:						

**9-3. Do you raise the same type of poultry as both organic and non-organic?**  Yes  No

If yes, how do you keep non-organic and organic birds segregated?

If yes, how do you easily distinguish between non-organic and organic flocks?

**9A. POULTRY SOURCES**

*Organic Standards require poultry and edible poultry products must be from poultry that have been under continuous organic management beginning no later than the second day of life. Day-old chicks do not have to be from an organic source.*

**9A-1. Do you raise your own chicks/poults on-farm?**  Yes  No

**9A-2. For chicks raised on-farm, describe how they are raised, including their housing, location, bedding, feed, and feed supplements provided:**

**9A-3. Do you purchase chicks/poults/ducklings/goslings this year?**  Yes  No

If yes, how old are they when they arrive on-farm?

If yes, do you have proof that they have been managed organically from the second day of life?  Yes  No

For purchased birds older than day old chicks, do you have the organic certification documentation on file?  Yes  No  N/A

Complete the table on purchased poultry below, as applicable. Attach an additional sheet, if necessary.

Poultry Type Purchased	Flock #	Purchase Dates	Slaughter Date / Egg Laying Date	Source	Certified By?

**9B. POULTRY FEED RATIONS:**

**9B-1. Complete the table for feed rations.** List each feed item, what % of the total ration it is, how much of this feed is fed per week or per month, and whether it is Organic (O), Transitional (T) or Conventional (C). If you're using blends, list manufacturer, blend name and type of blend and submit an ingredients list with this Plan. For each new blend and for new applicants, submit an organic certificate for the blend manufacturer.

**EXAMPLE: Cracked corn, 40% (O), 50-lb fed per month**

Bird Group	Feed Ration %, Amount Fed Per Week/Month
Chicks:	
Pullets:	
Layers:	
Broilers:	
Turkeys:	
Ducks:	
Geese:	
Other:	

**9B-2. Feed inventory records are required at least once a year so that rations are auditable at inspection. List the current quantities of all feed on-farm (include all purchased and grown amounts, whether the feed is organic or non-organic, and note the date you took inventory. If zero feed is on hand, report those quantities as zero:**

*Organic Standards define a feed 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 agricultural ingredients in feed supplements and additives must be organic; certain synthetics are also allowed under NOP 205.603. Feed supplements and additives must not be fed in amounts above those needed for adequate nutrition and health maintenance for the species at its specific stage of life.*

**9B-3. Did you purchase or do you plan on purchasing any poultry feed supplements or additives this year?**  Yes  No

If yes, fill out the table below, including oyster shell, grit, minerals, etc.

Feed Supplement/Additive	Sources	Amounts Fed Per Week or Per Month	Restricted? Yes or No	Reason for Use

**9B-4. Feed supplement inventory records are required at least once a year so that rations are auditable at inspection. List the current quantities on-farm, including the date you took inventory. If zero feed is on hand, report those as zero:**

**9C. POULTRY HOUSING**

*The Organic Standards requires poultry living conditions to accommodate their health & natural behaviors. They must have access to the outdoors, shade, shelter, exercise areas, fresh air and direct sunlight suitable to the species, stage of production, the climate, and the environment.*

**9C-1. List all housing provided to each poultry group.**  N/A, no housing provided.

Type of Housing (shed, stationary coop, mobile coop or tractor)	Poultry Group Housed	Number of Birds Housed	Dimensions or Square Footage	Roosting Space in Linear Ft	Nesting Boxes

**9C-2. What types of bedding are you using in their housing and nesting boxes?** (Check all that apply.)

Feed source types:  Grass  Hay  Straw  Other edible roughage  
 Non-feed source types:  Sawdust  Wood shaving  Other non-edible material

**9C-3. If you are using straw, hay or other edible roughage as bedding, is it sourced as organic?**  Yes  No  N/A

If yes, what are the sources?  
 If yes, do you have proof on file that the source is organic?  Yes  No

**9C-4. How often is housing cleaned out?**

**9C-5. How is housing cleaned? List any sanitation/cleaning materials used, including brand and manufacturer:**

**9C-6. What pest control measures are used in their housing? List any materials used, including brand and manufacturer:**

No pest control materials used

**9C-7. What type of flooring is in each housing unit?**  None, open to the ground  Solid  Slatted/Perforated  Other (specify):

**9C-8. How is ventilation provided?**

**9C-9. Is day length regulated using artificial light?**  Yes  No

If yes, how many hours of total light are given?

**9C-10. Is treated lumber used on farm in contact with soil or poultry?**  Yes  No

If yes, describe the areas where treated lumber is used:

**9D. POULTRY PASTURE & OUTDOOR ACCESS**

**9D-1. How many hours per day are poultry confined (i.e., not given any outdoor access)?**

Spring:                  Summer:                  Fall:                  Winter:

**9D-2. Have you confined poultry for a full day or longer at any time during the past year?**  Yes  No

If yes, do you record the days poultry are confined?  Yes  No  
 If yes, what kind of record are you maintaining?  Calendar  Notebook  Spreadsheet  Other (specify):  
 If yes, describe every situation in which poultry were confined:

**9D-3. List all pastures and outdoor access areas used for poultry.**  No outdoor access given

Pasture / Area ID	Acres / Square Feet	Type of Poultry and Maximum Number of Poultry on Pasture	Seasons When Poultry Has Access

**9D-4. Do the doors to their outdoor access areas allow for the birds to go outside “on-demand” all day?**  Yes  No

**9D-5. Does each area have sufficient shade, dust baths, shelter and direct sunlight for all birds using it?**  Yes  No

If no, list which areas do not and why:

**9D-6. If you are using smaller outdoor access areas for your poultry, how do you make sure that the poultry do not wear out the area and take the area down to bare dirt?**

**9E. POULTRY HEALTH MANAGEMENT**

*The Organic Standards requires preventive health care practices be used when needed. When preventives and veterinary biologics are insufficient to prevent sickness, synthetic medications may be used provided that they are allowed under NOP 205.238.*

**9E-1. How do you manage poultry health? Check all that apply.**

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

**9E-2. Do you withhold conventional treatment from an ill bird after organic methods have failed in order to maintain its organic status?**  Yes  No

**9E-3. List all healthcare materials and treatments in use or planned for use, including vaccinations, hormone use, antibiotic use, and parasiticides.**  Not Applicable, skip to next section.

Material Brand Name & Manufacturer	Birds Used On	Reason for Use	When Used	Approved? Yes or No

**9F. POULTRY PHYSICAL ALTERATIONS:**  Not Applicable, skip to next section

*Organic Standards require physical alterations needed to promote animal welfare be performed in ways to minimize pain and stress.*

**9F-1. Fill out the table below, including any administered by a veterinarian.**

Surgical Procedure	Method and Tools Used	Reason for Procedure
Beak Trimming		
Toe Clipping or Punching		
Other (specify):		

**9G. POULTRY SLAUGHTER**  Not Applicable, skip to next section

*The Organic Standards require humane methods of loading, unloading, holding and slaughter. Slaughter facilities must be certified.*

**9G-1. How do you slaughter your poultry?**

- on-farm slaughter with own equipment     off-farm certified organic slaughter facility
- on-farm rented organic mobile processing unit (MPPU)     off-farm non-organic slaughter facility

**9G-2. If birds are slaughtered off-farm, provide the facility’s organic status, name and contact information:**  N/A

*You must maintain organic certificates on file for any off-farm certified organic slaughter facilities.*

**9G-3. For on-farm slaughter, I have submitted the On-Farm Handling Plan:**  Yes  No  N/A, slaughter is off-farm

*If you want to certify any on-farm slaughter, multi-ingredient poultry products, or if you want to be certified to slaughter anyone else’s organic poultry, you must submit an On-Farm Handling Plan.*

**9G-4. For on-farm slaughter, what regulatory permit(s) do you hold for poultry slaughter?**  N/A, none required in my state

**9G-5. How many birds or lbs. of parts do you anticipate harvesting this year?**

**9G-6. Meat inventory records are required at least once a year so that amounts are auditable at inspection. List the current quantities of slaughtered birds or lbs. of parts in storage, including the date you took inventory. If zero is on hand, report those quantities as zero:**

**9H. POULTRY TRANSPORT**  Not Applicable, skip to next section

**9H-1. I ship my poultry:**  Live for sale  For organic slaughter  For non-organic slaughter (*skip to next section*)

**9H-2. How are birds caught and loaded onto transport?**

**9H-3. What form of transportation is used?**

**9H-4. How many hours from loading until point of sale or time of slaughter?**

**9H-5. Any provisions provided in transit?**  Food  Water  Both food and water  None

**9I. POULTRY EGG PRODUCTION**  Not Applicable, skip to the next section

*The Organic Standards requires facilities handling organic eggs to be certified and inspected to verify organic integrity is maintained.*

**9I-1. How are your eggs cleaned and inspected?**  on-farm facility  off-farm facility

**9I-2. If you are using an on-farm facility, list any egg washes or additives to the water such as chlorine in use:**  N/A

**9I-3. If you are using an off-farm facility, provide the facility's organic status, name and contact information:**  N/A

*You must maintain organic certificates on file for any off-farm certified egg facilities.*

**9I-4. How many eggs do you anticipate harvesting this year?**

**9I-5. Egg inventory records are required at least once a year so that amounts are auditable at inspection. List the current quantities of eggs in storage (include the date inventory was taken, and if zero is on hand, report those quantities as zero):**

**9J. POULTRY IDENTIFICATION**

*The Organic Standards require flock identification. Separation and identification are required for birds treated with prohibited products.*

**9J-1. What methods do you use to identify your organic flocks?** (check all that apply)

- none, flocks are commingled  different species  different breeds  separate housing  
 separate by hatch/arrival date  other (specify):

**9J-2. If an individual bird required conventional treatment, how would they be identified and/or segregated?**