

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
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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?

- Dairy – Cattle Dairy – Goats Dairy – Sheep Dairy Processed Products Milk (Pasteurized/Unpasteurized)
 Meat – Cattle Meat – Goats Meat – Sheep Hogs Bison Meat Processed Products
 Chickens – Layers* Chickens – Broilers* Turkeys* Ducks* Geese* Eggs* 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
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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. If breeder stock are used, are they managed on farm? Yes No N/A

If yes, have all breeder stock been brought on farm prior to the last 3rd of their gestation? Yes No

If yes, have they been under continuous organic management through the last 3rd of their gestation and lactation period for the offspring? Yes No

If yes, do breeder stock nurse only their own offspring? Yes No

If no, explain:

3A-4. Did you purchase any livestock this year? Yes No

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

Status: Organic, Breeder Stock, Conventional	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, and that animal group’s dry matter demand (DMD). 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	GRAZING SEASON DRY MATTER DEMAND (DMD)
Cattle – Dairy Milking Herd			
Cattle – Dry Heifers			
Cattle – Bred Heifers			
Cattle – Open Heifers			
Cattle – Youngstock			
Cattle – Meat Animals			
Sheep – Dairy Milking Herd			
Sheep – Dry, Bred, YS			
Sheep – Meat Animals			
Goats – Dairy Milking Herd			
Goats – Dry, Bred, YS			
Goats – Meat Animals			
Pigs		-----	
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 & YS	
Sheep – Meat Animals	
Goats – Dairy Milking Herd	
Goats – Dry, Bred & YS	
Goats – Meat Animals	
Pigs	
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 & OUTDOOR ACCESS: 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 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:

3D-12. Do you record the days animals are confined and document the reasons for confinement? Yes No

If yes, do you record the days animals are confined? Yes No

If yes, what kind of record are you maintaining? Calendar Notebook Spreadsheet Other (specify):

If yes, describe the situations where animals would be confined:

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, including freedom to lie down, turn around, and stretch limbs over a 24-hr period. 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 and disinfected?

3I-5. How is housing cleaned? List sanitation and 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):

3I-9. If calves under 6 months are housed separately or individually, are they located where they can see, smell, and hear other animals? Yes No N/A

If no, please explain:

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

3J-3. Explain your plan to monitor, treat, and prevent lameness in your animals:

3J-4. If an animal experiences irreversible injury or illness, what are your plans for prompt, humane euthanasia?

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/SURGERY: 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/Tools Used, Materials (Aesthetics, etc.) Used	Reason for Procedure	Age Performed	Person(s) Responsible for Administering 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. How many animals do you currently milk?

4A-6. 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:

4C. MILK TRANSFER STATIONS Not Applicable, skip to next section

4C-1. What is the address of the transfer station?

4C-2. What is the management of the transfer station? under my management other management (specify):

4C-3. How are containers used for transporting organic milk labeled? (Non-retail containers must identify product, organic status, and a lot number):

4C-3. How are the milk tanks at the transfer station labeled? (Non-retail containers must identify product, organic status, and a lot number):

4C-4. Who is responsible for tank cleaning and pest management at the transfer station?

What cleaners and sanitation materials are in use on your tank:

What pest control materials are in use:

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

5B-7. How are animals identified during transport?

5B-8. How do you determine that animals are fit for transport and not seriously crippled or non-ambulatory?

5B-9. What is your emergency plan to address animal welfare problems that may occur during transport?

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?

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.

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?

9A. FEED RATIONS:

NOP Rule requires a total feed ration composed of agricultural products, including pasture and forage, that are organically produced and, if applicable, organically handled: Except that, non-synthetic and synthetic substances allowed under 205.603 and 205.604 may be used as feed additives and supplements.

9A-4. 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:	

9A-5. 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:

9A-6. Is synthetic l-methionine added to any group's rations? Yes No

If yes, how are you ensuring that you are not exceeding the limit over the lifetime of the bird (2-lb per ton for layers, 2.5-lb per ton for broilers, 3-lb per ton for turkeys and other poultry)?

9B. PURCHASED FEED:

9B-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	Dates Purchased

9B-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?

9B-3. What is your plan for emergency feed supplies?

9B-4. 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 poultry from consuming the non-organic feed?

9C. ON-FARM FEED

9C-1. Growing feed:

- I grow organic crops on-farm for sale and have filled out the Organic Farm Plan.
- I grow organic crops and/or feed scraps from my garden on-farm for my poultry but do not sell organic crops.
- I do not grow crops (*skip to next section.*)

9C-2. If you grow crops to be fed to your poultry or feed scraps/waste from your garden, describe your growing system for raising these crops: N/A

9C-3. List all fertilizers, pest and disease control materials and other inputs used on your crops to be fed to your poultry. All inputs must be compliant with the Organic Standards for the crops to be fed to organic poultry. N/A

9D. 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.

9D-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 oyster shell, grit, minerals, etc.

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

9D-2. Feed supplement inventory records are required at least once a year so that rations are auditable at inspection. List the current quantities of feed supplements on-farm (include the date inventory was taken, and if zero feed is on hand, report those quantities as zero):

9E. FEED STORAGE:

9E-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 (Silo, Bin, etc.)	Capacity	Type of Feed Stored (Bulk/Bagged Grain, etc.)	Dedicated to Organic Feed? Yes or No

9E-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)

9E-3. Do you keep records of your pest monitoring and management activities? Yes No

9F. WATER

Water used for organic poultry must be potable and readily accessible. Tests for coliform, nitrates and other contamination may be required based on risk factors. The Organic Standards requires manure to be managed so that it does not contribute to contamination of crops, soil, and water.

9F-1. What are your sources of water for poultry use?

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

9F-2. Do you use additives in the water, such as cider vinegar? Yes No

If yes, are they organic? Yes No

9F-3. How do you manage water for the needs of the poultry, 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)

9F-4. Known contaminants in water supplies in your area: (attach residue analysis and/or salinity test results, if applicable)**9F-5. How do you minimize water contamination problems?** N/A

fencing poultry from waterway fertilizer/compost stored away from water prevent nutrient leaching from over-irrigation
 grassy waterways/wetlands/riparian buffers to filter water other (specify)

9G. MANURE MANAGEMENT**9G-1. Check all methods of manure management with the manure from your flocks:**

left on pasture/outdoor access areas spread on fields compost pile bagged and sold other (specify)

9G-2. Estimated quantity of manure generated per year: _____ tons**9H. HOUSING**

The Organic Standards requires poultry living conditions to accommodate their health & natural behaviors. Poultry must be able to move freely, stretch both wings simultaneously, have access to the outdoors, shade, shelter, fresh air, and direct sunlight suitable to the species, its stage of production, the climate, and the environment.

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

Type of Housing (shed, stationary/mobile coop or tractor)	Poultry Group Housed	Number of Birds Housed	Dimensions or Square Footage	Linear Ft of Roosting Space (at least 6" per bird)	Number of Nesting Boxes	Type of Flooring in Housing

9H-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

9H-3. If you are using straw, hay or other edible roughage as bedding, is it 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

9H-4. How often is housing cleaned out?**9H-5. List any sanitation/cleaning materials used in cleaning housing, including brand and manufacturer:****9H-6. What pest control measures are used in their housing? List any materials used, including brand and manufacturer:**

No pest control materials used

9H-7. Do you monitor ammonia levels in housing on a weekly basis? Yes No

Are you maintaining levels below 20PPM? Yes No

Do you maintain records documenting levels? Yes No

9H. HOUSING (cont.)

9H-8. How is ventilation provided?

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

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

9H-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:

9H-11. Are exit areas in the housing at least 12" for every 360 birds in each housing unit and appropriately distributed so that all birds have access to the outdoors? Yes No

If no, please explain:

9J. PASTURE & OUTDOOR ACCESS

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

Spring: Summer: Fall: Winter:

9J-1. At what age are you providing outdoor access to new flocks? N/A

Broilers:

Pullets:

Other poultry species:

9J-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:

9J-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

9J-4. Do your outdoor access areas consist of at least 75% ground or soil with in-season vegetation? Yes No

If no, list which areas do not and why:

9J-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:

9J-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?

9K. HEALTHCARE MATERIALS

Organic Standards require preventive poultry health care practices be used when needed. When preventives and veterinary biologics are insufficient, synthetic medications may be used, provided the medications are allowed under 205.238.

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

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

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

9K-3. Do you induce molting for any reason? Yes No

9K-4. Explain your plan to monitor, treat, and prevent lameness in your flocks:

9K-5. If a bird experiences irreversible injury or illness, what are your plans for prompt, humane euthanasia?

9K. HEALTHCARE MATERIALS: Not Applicable, skip to next section

9K-6. List all healthcare materials and treatments used or planned for use (include vaccinations, hormones, antibiotics, and parasiticides).

Material Brand Name & Manufacturer	Birds Used On	Reason for Use	When Used	Approved? (Y or N)

9L. PHYSICAL ALTERATIONS/SURGERY: 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.

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

Surgical Procedure	Method/Tools Used, Materials (Aesthetics, etc.) Used	Reason for Procedure	Age Performed	Person(s) Responsible for Administering Procedure
Beak Trimming				
Toe Clipping or Punching				
Other (specify):				

9M. PEST AND PREDATOR CONTROLS:

9M-1. Check all pests and predators that you have issues with in and around housing or outdoor access areas:

none flies, parasites wild birds raptor predators reptilian predators small and large mammalian predators

9M-2. What strategies do you use to coexist with and reduce conflicts with predators? N/A

use guard animals predator lights restrict grazing when predator pressure is high night corrals electric fencing

shooting predators livestock bred for protective instincts small and large animals grazed together other (specify)

9M-3. Do you keep records of pest and/or predator material use? Yes No

9M-4. Do you use any pest control material in the poultry housing? Yes No

9M-5. 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

9N. SLAUGHTER Not Applicable, skip to next section

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

9N-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

9N-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.

9N-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 and process flow in compliance with FSIS.

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

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

9N-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 (include the date inventory was taken, and if zero is on hand, report those quantities as zero):

9P. TRANSPORT Not Applicable

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

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

9P-3. What form of transportation is used?

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

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

9P-6. How are birds identified during transport?

9P-7. How do you determine that birds are fit for transport and not seriously crippled or non-ambulatory?

9P-8. What is your emergency plan to address animal welfare problems that may occur during transport?

9Q. EGG PRODUCTION.

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

9Q-1. How are your eggs cleaned and inspected? N/A, skip to the next section

on-farm facility off-farm facility

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

9Q-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.

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

9Q-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):

SECTION 10: Poultry Identification

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9R. POULTRY IDENTIFICATION.

The Organic Standards require flock identification. Separation and identification are required for those birds that have been treated with prohibited products.

9R-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):

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