



CERTIFIED GRASS-FED ORGANIC LIVESTOCK PROGRAM OSP ADDENDUM

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Operation Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Verification to the Certified Grass-Fed Organic Dairy and Meat Standard is open to any livestock operation certified to the USDA Organic Standards or concurrently applying for organic certification and grass-fed certification.
This program includes additional requirements for organic ruminant livestock production. It requires increased grazing time to ensure its feed comes solely from foraging, stored forages and minor amounts of additional plant-based materials and nutrient vitamins and minerals. While organic certification is mandatory, unlike the organic regulations, grain and grain derived feed and feed products are excluded/prohibited in this standard.

A. Grass-Fed Animals and Products

- 1) Identify animals to be included in grass-fed certification: Dairy Cows, Beef Cattle, Sheep, Goats
2) Identify products to be sold as certified grass-fed organic: Milk, Meat

B. Origin

Certified organic operations may transition any certified organic dairy animal on their operation by successfully completing a 90-day transition period, or purchase animals from an operation presently certified to this standard. Once certified to this standard, if Certified Grass-Fed Organic animals are not commercially available for purchase an operation may purchase organic animals and complete a 90-day transition during which time their milk is not eligible to be sold as grass-fed organic.

- Contact CCOF prior to the start of any new animal(s) transition.
1) Are you applying for certification to the grass-fed organic program for your whole operation or only a portion of your operation?
I am applying for my whole operation.
I am applying for a portion of my operation. Identify the facility and parcels that the grass-fed animals will have access to:

- a) Do you plan to transition animals or purchase animals?
I am transitioning all or some animals on my operation. Grass-fed organic management will begin:
I plan to purchase animals from an operation currently certified to the Grass-Fed Organic Livestock Program and have attached all transaction documents to verify their Certified Grass-Fed Organic status.

- 2) Does your operation plan to obtain replacement animals?
Not applicable, Closed Herd. All replacement animals will be born on farm from Certified Grass-Fed Organic Animals.
Replacement animals will be purchased from Certified Grass-Fed Organic Operations.

List suppliers: \_\_\_\_\_

- Certified Grass-Fed Organic Animals are not Commercially Available to my operation for the following reasons:
Quantity, Selection (Breed, Age, Sex, etc.), Quality (Health), Proximity/Transport, Timing of Availability, Welfare Implications, Other:

Records demonstrating commercial unavailability need to be maintained for each animal purchase.

- 3) Attach a current herd list that identifies all animals in your grass-fed organic herd. Attached

C. Pasture Availability/Management and Feed

Livestock must graze not less than 150 days per calendar year AND be provided not less than 60% of each animals DMI from grazing as averaged throughout the grazing season.

- 1) All Operations: Please check that you have reviewed the following sections of your OSP and submit updates as applicable.
Parallel Producers: If your operation plans to have parallel production between certified organic and certified grass-fed organic, in addition to reviewing the following, you are required to submit a separate OSP L3.1 for your grass-fed animals.
OSP L3.1 Feed, Feed Additives, & Water (Ruminant). My grazing season as listed is accurate and is not less than 150 days per calendar year and my Dry Matter Demand table includes all production groups on our operation, their weight, and DMD.
Additionally, check one of the following:
My planned rations as included in my OSP are current and meet the minimum requirement of 60% DMI from pasture during the grazing season.
My planned rations as included in my OSP are current for my organic animals and I have attached a separate OSP L3.1 to include my planned rations for my grass-fed organic animals.



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- OSP L4.1 Pasture Management Plan - My OSP clearly describes the pasture available to my animals and specifies the types of forages available on each parcel (i.e. annual and perennial grasses, legumes, forbs, brassicas, and/or, browse (defined as leaf and twig growth of shrubs, woody vines, trees, cacti and other non-herbaceous vegetation available for consumption). My OSP L4.1 also accurately describes the types of grazing methods used, frequency of movement, animal density per paddock, and specifically addresses rest periods and how our operation prevents overgrazing.
  - Parcel maps and paddocks maps on file are accurate and include individual paddock ID's, size, permanent fencing, shade, and water.
  - I have included all feed supplements, vitamins, and minerals provided to all animals in my rations on file or in my materials list if applicable.
- 2) Does your operation plan to utilize the temporary grain allowance for dairy animals that are weaned and under 6 months of age?
- Not applicable. No grain is fed to animals on our operation including weaned animals under 6 months of age.
  - I have not been previously certified to another grass fed standard and I have included a written statement addressing the manner and extent of our non-routine use of grain in the diet of dairy animals that are weaned and under six months of age and a specific termination date of this management practice, that in no case shall run past December 31, 2020.
- 3) Does your operation plan to or currently grow, graze, purchase, or feed vegetative stage cereal grain crops?
- Not applicable. I do not grow, graze, purchase, or feed vegetative stage cereal grain crops. Skip to question 4.
  - Yes, answer the following:
    - a) Does your operation grow or plan to grow cereal grain crops that will be grazed or harvested in the vegetative state (i.e. corn in pre tassel stage, soybeans prior to bloom; small and cereal grains at pre-boot stage)
      - No     Yes
      - i. If yes, how will you verify that cereal grain crops are grazed or harvested in a compliant stage?
        - Documenting graze dates     Reserving a sample of harvest     Planting and harvest dates     Photos
        - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
    - b) Does your operation plan to purchase harvested vegetative stage cereal grain crops to feed to your animals?
      - No     Yes
      - i. If yes, what documentation will be maintained to verify that purchased forage was harvested in a compliant stage?
        - Doc. from seller     Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Does your operation feed any of the allowed but restricted grain-free feedstuffs noted in the table below?  
*The Grass-Fed Organic Standards include a list of Allowed and Restricted Feedstuff. No more than a single restricted feedstuff is allowed per day and must be fed at a rate within the allowance noted in the table below.*
- No. My operation does not provide any of the supplements listed in the table below.
  - I provide one or more of the restricted supplements listed below and have identified the supplement, the production group(s) it's provided to, and how many lbs. per animal per day in the planned rations included with my OSP L3.1.

<b>SUPPLEMENTAL GRAIN-FREE FEEDSTUFFS*</b>				
<b>ENERGY SUPPLEMENT</b>	<b>SUPPLEMENT DRY MATTER PERCENT</b>	<b>MAXIMUM ALLOWED PER DAY ON DRY MATTER BASIS (lbs.)</b>	<b>STARTCH, %DM</b>	<b>ENERGY, M CAL/lb.</b>
Sugar Cane Molasses	88%	4	0.5	0.88
Sugar Cane Dry Sugar	100%	4	0.5	0.98
Sugar beets, Whole	20%	5	2.5	0.79
Sugar beets, Pulp	92%	5	0.5	0.73
Carrots, Pulp	92%	5	5.74	0.77
Citrus, Pulp	92%	5	1.5	0.84
PROTEIN SUPPLEMENT	-	-	-	-
Alfalfa Pellets**	92%	5	2	0.58
OTHER SUPPLEMENTS	-	-	-	-
Kelp	99%	No Limits/Free Choice	N/A	N/A

\* Energy Supplements are mutually exclusive on any single day. The intake values were calculated using 3.5 percent body weight of a 1200 lbs. ruminant animal; Crude protein for alfalfa pellets is assumed at 18 to 22 percent.

\*\* Stored forage in cube or pellet form has a daily limit of not more than .5% of an animal's body weight and/or no more than 5lbs. per day on a dry matter basis.



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- 5) Does your operation provide forage grown in fodder sprout systems to any animals on your operation?  
*Sprouts are only allowed to be fed in the non-grazing season and have a daily limit of 1.75% of the animal's body weight and not more than 20lbs per day. Sprout roots are required to be removed prior to feeding.*
- Not applicable. My operation does not provide forage grown in fodder sprout systems to any of our animals.
- I provide forage grown in fodder sprout systems during the non-grazing season and I have identified the production group(s) they are provided to and how many lbs. per animal per day in the planned rations included with my OSP L3.1.  
Describe how your operation verifies that sprout roots are removed prior to feeding: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) All grains and grain by-products (including but not limited to corn, soybean, small grains and distillers' grain), concentrates, meals, pelleted feed, and any other non-forage-based feedstuff not expressly allowed under this program are prohibited.
- I understand this prohibition and do not feed any of the above feed to any animals on my operation.
- I am a parallel producer who feeds grain to animals other than my grass-fed animals. If checked, describe documentation that will be maintained to verify that this feed was not fed to your grass-fed animals. Confirm that this crops storage is identified on your OSP G6.2. \_\_\_\_\_
- I grow or plan to grow cereal grain crops to be harvested for grain. If, yes, describe documentation that will be maintained to verify that this harvested crop was not fed to your grass-fed animals. Confirm that this crops storage is identified on your OSP G6.2. \_\_\_\_\_
- I understand that if any of my grass-fed animals are fed prohibited feedstuffs or inadvertently receive more than de minimis amounts, I am required to document this feeding and notify CCOF within 10 calendar days.

### D. Living Conditions and Healthcare

- 1) Please check that you have reviewed the following sections of your OSP and submit updates as applicable.
- OSP L4.0 Livestock Living Conditions. All sections of my OSP L4.0 are accurate and the bedding listed does not include prohibited feed products identified in this standard.
- OSP L5.0 Livestock Health Care. All sections of my OSP L5.0 are accurate and complete and my animal ID and visual slaughter ID systems are accurate to include my grass-fed animals.
- 2) Animal Welfare: Operations are required to participate in an animal welfare verified program that includes an onsite inspection and is approved by the Certified Organic Grass Fed Program. Currently, Farmers Assuring Responsible Management (FARM) is the approved program.
- a) List the Animal Welfare Program your operation is inspected to: \_\_\_\_\_
- i. You must have verification of this program's inspection or certification available for review at your inspection(s).
- 3) Temporary Health and Welfare Exception: With a documented determination that an animal's health is compromised, an operation may temporarily disregard volume restrictions on grain free supplemental feedstuffs until the animal's health is restored. This exception is restricted and subject to strict recordkeeping.
- a) If utilizing this allowance, how do you plan to demonstrate your need for this exception:
- Written notice from a licensed veterinarian.
- Documented need from responsible person at the operation that includes the substandard health issue being addressed.
- i. I will maintain records to demonstrate frequency of issue(s) to verify that a larger systemic management issue is not being addressed.

### E. Contamination and Commingling

- 1) For operations that maintain certified organic animals that are not certified grass-fed organic, describe or attach a description of how your operation's records distinguish between certified organic and certified grass-fed organic animals and their product(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) If your operation is certified for grass-fed dairy and meat, how will you ensure that an animal that is removed from the grass-fed dairy program is also removed from the grass-fed meat market. \_\_\_\_\_

### F. Marketing and Sales

- 1) How does your operation sell or market its certified organic grass-fed product? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Do you plan to package and label any processed products as Certified Grass-Fed Organic?  
 Yes. Stop and contact our office.  No