



OEFFA System Plan for Grass-Fed Organic Producers

Complete this form if you are requesting Grass-Fed certification or recertification for organic livestock. You must also complete a separate Organic System Plan for Producers and Organic System Plan for Livestock and Poultry. Use additional sheets as necessary. You must sign this form.

Grass-Fed Operation Profile II

Name _____	Date _____
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Type of Grass-Fed Livestock Operation *(check all that apply):*
 Dairy Beef Goat Lamb Other _____

Number of animals requested for Grass-Fed Organic Certification: Check here and skip this section if grass-fed numbers are the same as organic numbers in your OSP <input type="checkbox"/>	Have you reviewed and do you understand the standards for OPT Grass-Fed Organic certification? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
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LIVESTOCK TYPE	FEMALES	MALES	CASTRATED MALES	YOUNG STOCK	
Dairy					Are all livestock requested for grass-fed certification USDA Certified Organic? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> Currently applying for organic certification
Beef					
Swine					If any animals that are certified organic are NOT requested for grass-fed certification, modify your livestock list to include information about grass-fed status. <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock List Updated
Sheep					
Goats					FOR DAIRY ONLY: <input type="checkbox"/> My dairy herd is currently certified grass-fed <input type="checkbox"/> I began my 90-day conversion on _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I will start my 90-day conversion on _____
Other: _____					

Grass Fed Plan Update

Certified (renewing) Producers AND New Applicants:

Please complete all sections/pages, sign the Affirmation, and follow the mailing instructions.

Describe any other changes to any part of your operation that may not be captured in the OSP forms:

Affirmation**II, XIV**

I affirm that all statements made in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree to comply with the OPT Standards and Policy Manual, and applicable organic production and handling regulations. I also agree to abide by OEFFA Certification Policies & Procedures. I will submit necessary forms and fees annually and supply all additional information and corrective actions requested within the required timeframe. I will notify OEFFA Certification in writing if any of the information pertaining to my grass-fed organic operation changes. I understand that my operation may be subject to unannounced inspection at any time, as deemed appropriate by OEFFA Certification to determine continued compliance with the OPT Grass-fed standards. I understand that OEFFA Certification may share information concerning the certification of my operation with Organic Plus Trust, its Program Manager, and Accredited Certifying Agents, as necessary. I will maintain all records applicable to my grass-fed organic operation for at least 5 years beyond their creation and allow OEFFA Certification, Organic Plus Trust, and their representatives access to these records during normal business hours. I have reviewed and understand that certification may be denied, suspended, or revoked if I violate the standards and that animals or products may be disqualified if OEFFA Certification finds that they do not meet the standards. I will defend, indemnify and hold harmless OEFFA Certification, its Trustees, and personnel, from any and all claims, injuries, damages, losses or suits including attorney fees, arising out of or in connection with the performance of certification services, except for injuries and damages caused by the sole negligence of OEFFA Certification. I understand that acceptance of a System Plan in no way implies granting of certification by OEFFA Certification.

Signature of Operator _____

Date _____

Printed Name _____

Mailing Information

**Submit completed forms, fees, and supporting documents to:
OEFFA Certification
41 Croswell Road
Columbus, OH 43214-3062**

Fax: (614) 421-2011 E-mail: organic@oeffa.org

Keep a copy of everything you send to OEFFA for your records.

Please Note: *An incomplete application will delay the certification process. Please double check that you have completed this form.*

If you have any questions about how to complete this form, please contact us:

Phone: (614) 262-2022 Fax: (614) 421-2011 E-mail: organic@oeffa.org

Or write to the address above.

Feed and Feed Supplements**V, VIII**

Are all grains and grain by-products, including but not limited to corn, soybeans, small grains, distillers grain, concentrates, meals, pelleted feeds, and other non-forage feedstuffs excluded from animal diets? yes no

Are all cereal grain plants (corn, soybeans, small grains, etc.) grazed or harvested in their vegetative state (pre-tassel, pre-bloom, pre-boot, etc.)? yes no

Supplements

Are all supplemental feedstuffs on the list of allowed supplements and fed below the maximum allowed amounts? yes no

Are supplements used in a way that supports nutritional stability and rumen welfare? yes no

Is more than one allowed supplement fed per day? yes no

Are all supplements and amounts fed listed on your DMI Calculation Worksheet? yes no

Do any vitamin and mineral supplements you use list grains or grain carriers on the label? yes no

If yes, please list the amount fed per head per day for minerals containing grain products (estimate for free choice):

Young animals:

Are pre-weaned animals fed only milk and the allowed feeds and supplements described above? yes no

Are weaned animals fed only the allowed feeds and supplements described above? yes no

If no: are you currently certified or have you ever been certified to any grass-fed standard? yes no

is grain only fed on a non-routine basis? yes no

do you have a plan to discontinue grain by 12/31/2020? yes no

Describe your plan:

Are animals fed supplements in excess of the limits when their health is compromised? yes no

If yes: *Describe how you document illness and feeding:*

Is all bedding free of grain and other prohibited feedstuffs? yes no

Pasture Management**IV, IX**

Is the grazing season described in your Livestock OSP longer than 150 days? yes no

Does your grazing plan provide at least 60% DMI from pasture through the grazing season for all animals over six months of age? yes no

Does the pasture management plan in your Livestock OSP include a description of how you prevent overgrazing and describe practices that allow for pasture rest and regrowth? yes no

If no, *describe:*

Length of pasture rest period between grazings: _____

Dairy Animals**III, VI**

Are all animals being milked at the operation certified grass-fed organic? yes no

Origin of Animals

Does each animal requested for grass-fed certification meet one of the following criteria?: yes no

- 1) Born on your Grass-fed certified operation and maintained under the standards throughout its entire life
- 2) Born on your operation and completed a 90-day transition period during which it was managed per all OPT grass-fed standards
- 3) Purchased from another OPT Grass-fed certified operation
- 4) Purchased from another certified organic operation and completed a 90-day transition period during which it was managed per all OPT grass-fed standards

**If any animals only meet the fourth criteria, did you search for a grass-fed organic animal? yes no

Do you have records that demonstrate that the source of each animal meets one of the above criteria and documentation of the search, if applicable? yes no

If animals were transitioned, do you have records that milk was not sold as grass-fed organic during the transition period? yes no

Disqualification

Does your plan for animals that are disqualified from Grass-Fed Organic certification include the following?:

Immediately notify OEFFA that an animal has been disqualified due to a violation of the OPT standards yes no

Dispose of milk from disqualified animals and document where it goes yes no

Remove the animal from the operation within 7 days yes no

Send all records pertaining to the disqualification to OEFFA within 10 days of removal yes no

Meat Animals**III, VI**

Were all animals requested for grass-fed certification born at your operation? yes no

If no, do you have documentation to show that each purchased animal was born on an operation certified to OPT grass-fed standards and maintained under the standards throughout its entire life? yes no

Do you maintain a split herd (some animals grass-fed and others that are not)? yes no

Describe your plan for animals that are disqualified from grass-fed certification:

Handling**XI, XII, XIII**

Describe any handling of grass-fed organic products performed at your operation:

Note: some activities may require certification as a Handler

How are certified grass-fed organic products segregated and not mixed with products that are not certified Grass-fed organic?:

Do you label any grass-fed organic products? yes no

If yes, *attach all labels*

Note: Use of the OPT seal on processed packaged products requires a licensing agreement and additional fees.

Other**VII, X**

Is your operation in good standing with the Farmers Assuring Responsible Management (FARM) animal care program? in process yes no

Does your farm maintain records adequate to demonstrate that all aspects of this plan are carried out in compliance with the OPT Grass-Fed Organic certification standards? yes no