



**Organic Plus Trust (OPT)**  
**Certified Grass-Fed Organic Program™**  
**Custom Grazing Affidavit**

**This form must be completed when certified OPT animals are being custom grazed at a certified organic farm that is not certified to the OPT Grass-Fed Organic Standards.**

Section III(B) An animal Certified or Transitioning to this standard may be placed at a certified organic operation not certified to this standard under the following circumstances:

1. Custom grazing of heifers provided the activity is limited to grazing only, the Certified Operation shall document this occurrence in the Operation's Application and the custom grazer completes a Custom Grazing Affidavit.
2. Animals in Transition according to section III(A)(3) may complete their 90-day transition at the certified organic source farm where the animals were purchased when there is risk of inadequate segregation at the OPT Certified Operation, provided:
  - a. The animals have been purchased by the OPT Certified Operation and animal IDs are being tracked according to section III(A)(4).
  - b. The source farm will affirm that no grain is being fed to the transitioning cattle and that transitioning cattle are receiving not less than 60% of their Dry Matter Intake from pasture during the grazing season;

<b>CERTIFIED OPT OPERATION</b>
1. OPT Certified Operation Name:
2. List the IDs of your OPT Certified livestock being grazed by an off-site certified organic operation. Or attach a separate list.  _____ _____ _____
3. List the approximate dates the animals will be grazing off-site:
4. Manager or Owner of the off-site operation:
5. Physical address of the off-site operation:
6. Contact of the off-site Manager or Owner: Phone _____ Email _____
7. List the name of the Certification Agency of the off-site operation. <i>(Provide a copy of the operation's current organic certificate.</i>

8. Check all the practices provided by the off-site manager. *Check all that apply.*

Daily feeding     Daily watering     Supplements/minerals provided (must be approved on YOUR materials list)

Routine health care provided

Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_.

*All records pertaining to the above practices must be available during your annual inspection.*

9. Type of livestock being custom grazed at the off-site location:

Heifers

Purchased, transitioning Dairy Livestock. **Complete the balance of this form.**

10. What date were the animals purchased by you? *Provide purchase records.*

11. Explain the risk of improper segregation if these animals were to transition at your OPT certified farm. Section III(B)(2)

12. Do you verify that the animals are being tracked according to Section III(A)(4)<sup>1</sup>?

Yes

No

13. The off-site manager must not feed any grain to your transitioning cattle and must receive not less than 60% of their Dry Matter Intake from pasture during the grazing season. Do you affirm the off-site manager will follow the requirements in section IV(A)?

Yes

No

**AFFIRMATION**

**CERTIFIED OPT OPERATION**

I affirm that the information provided in this statement is true and accurate. I understand that I am responsible for my certified OPT livestock custom grazing at the off-site operation.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**OFF-SITE (SOURCE FARM/CUSTOM GRAZING OPERATION)**

I agree to custom graze the OPT certified livestock on my certified organic pastures according to the plan stated in this document.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> The OPT Certifier shall confirm the Farm Herd List meets the requirements of 7 C.F.R. §205.236 (c) and shall also confirm to a reasonable certainty that non-compliant animals are not sold or Labeled as “Certified Grass-Fed Organic” animals.

