



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOOD QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

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- New Applicant**
- Updating Applicant**

APPLICATION FOR ORGANIC ANIMAL PRODUCTION

I. General Information

No additional fees required

Animal Production cannot be certified without certification of land. A current Crop and Pasture application or annual update must be submitted. All applicants must complete the entire application.

Today's Date _____

1. Farm Name: _____ Certification Number _____

2. Contact person regarding application: _____

3. How many years have you managed livestock? _____ Organically? _____

4. What type of livestock and poultry are you requesting to be certified?

5. List animals and/or animal products you are marketing/selling or plan to market/sell as certified organic, and how?

6. Aside from animals that may require treatment of animal drugs or antibiotics during illness and can no longer be sold as organic, will also you be managing conventional livestock in your system? Yes No

6. a. If yes, what livestock and poultry, what products, and where and how they are being marketed?

7. Are all organic products produced and handled without the use of ionizing radiation, GMO's, sewer sludge, and/or cloning? If no, explain.

II. Livestock/Poultry Operation Profile

Indicate number of livestock requested for organic certification (O), in transition (T), and under conventional management (C). Slaughter animals cannot be transitional – slaughter animals must be under continuous organic management from the last third of gestation. To convert a herd, dairy animals must be under continuous organic management for twelve months. After the one time herd conversion, dairy animals cannot be transitioned. Poultry must be managed organically from 2 day old chicks. All livestock and poultry on premises must be listed.

Type	Enter number of animals						
	O	T	C	Type	O	T	C
Cows – Total				Goats – Total			
Meat		N/A		Meat		N/A	
Dairy				Dairy			
Breeding Stock				Breeding Stock			
Replacement Stock		N/A		Replacement Stock		N/A	
Hogs/Pigs – Total		N/A		Chickens-Meat		N/A	
Meat		N/A		Chickens-Layer		N/A	
Breeding Stock		N/A		Turkeys		N/A	
Replacement Stock		N/A		Other Poultry – list type		N/A	
Sheep – Total							
Meat		N/A					
Dairy				Other Livestock – list type			
Breeding Stock							
Replacement Stock		N/A					
Wool							

III. Sources of Animals

The NOP Rule requires that certified organic livestock to be sold for slaughter must be organically managed from the last third of gestation until slaughter. Dairy animals must be managed organically for 12 months prior to sale of milk as certified organic. Poultry must be managed organically from 2 day old chicks.

1. Do you raise organic livestock? Yes No If yes, give specific information on all animals born on farm in the chart below or attach a list of all animals born that includes the information requested in the chart.

Animals raised as organic from last third of gestation on farm	Dairy (D), Slaughter (S), Other(O)	Identification #/Name	Date of Birth

2. Do you purchase replacement animals? Yes No If yes, give specific information on all animals purchased in the chart below or attach a list of all purchased animals that includes the information requested in the chart. **Be prepared to show invoices and organic certificates for purchased animals to inspector.**

Type of Animal Purchased	Dairy (D), Slaughter (S), Other(O)	Identification #/Name	Date of Purchase	Projected or Real Birthing Date	Purchase Source	Certifying Agency

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Disposition of animals: Continuing applicants should indicate the disposal of any animals listed on previous applications or updates that occurred since the last update on the chart below or on a list attached to the application or update.

Type of Animal	Identification #/Name	Date of Purchase or Birth	Disposal (ex. Slaughtered, sold live, killed by predators, etc.)

3. If you are requesting certification for poultry or eggs, complete the following chart for all poultry. All poultry must be managed organically from 2 day old chicks. **Be prepared to show invoices and organic certificates, as applicable, for purchased flocks to inspector.**

Type of Flock (Meat chickens, layers, turkeys, etc.)	Flock Identification #	How Many Birds?	Date of Purchase or Hatch	Age of Birds When Delivered	Projected Slaughter or Egg Production Date	Purchase Source Or Self Hatched	Certifying Agent

Disposition of flock: Continuing applicants should indicate the disposal of any poultry listed on previous applications or updates that occurred since the last update.

Type of Flock (Meat chickens, layers, turkeys, etc.)	Flock Identification #	How Many Birds?	Date of Purchase or Self Hatch	Disposal (Ex. Slaughtered, sold live, killed by predators, etc.)

V. FEED

The NOP Rule requires that certified organic animals be fed 100% certified organic feed. Feed produced by producers exempt from certification cannot be used to feed certified organic animals. Feeding of plastic pellets for roughage, formulas containing urea or manure and feeding of mammalian or poultry slaughter by-products are prohibited. Feed supplements should not contain non-organic protein sources or prohibited

materials. The use of animal drugs, including hormones to promote growth is prohibited. A copy of all feed, minerals, and feed supplement labels that you are currently feeding or are considering feeding to your animals need to be included with your application. Be prepared to show all labels and receipts for feed, minerals, and feed supplements to inspector.

A. Feed Ration Table. Complete table below for feed used for all organic and transitional animals.

B.

Type of Animal	# of Animals	Type of Feed			Amount of Feed/Unit of Time			Is the feed Organic? Certifier?
		Grain	Pasture/Hay	Other	Grain	Hay	Other	
Example Dairy Cows	60	Dairy ration	Alfalfa/grass hay mix		20#/day	25#/day		Yes MDA

C. Describe purchased feed

Type of Purchased Feed	Quantity Purchased/ To Be Purchased	Dates Purchased	Purchase Source/Brand	Certifying Agency

D. Describe feed produced on farm. Pasture quantity produced can be expressed in acres.

Type of Feed Produced (Pasture, Hay, Grain, etc.)	Date of Production	Quantity Produced	Type of animal and amount fed	Certifying Agency

- 1. Do you process any feed (mix, grind, roast, extrude, etc) on-farm? Yes No
- A. If yes, is the equipment also used to process conventional products? Yes No
- B. If yes, how is equipment cleaned prior to processing organic feed to prevent contamination?

2. What is your plan for emergency feed supplies?

Feed Supplements or Additives:

B.) No Supplements Used _____

List all feed supplements and additives, including silage inoculents, preservatives, vitamins, amino acids, minerals, etc below. Organic Standards require that no genetically modified products (GMOs) be used in organic production systems. Any supplements/additives that contain carriers made with conventionally grown corn, soybeans, cotton products, etc. have the potential to be from genetically modified sources unless the label specifically states such product is free of GMOs. Please include copies of labels with your application and be prepared to show the labels and receipts to the inspector.

Feed Supplement/Additive	Synthetic Ingredients Yes (Y) or No(N)	GMOs? Yes(Y) or No (N)	FDA APPROVED Yes(Y) No(N) or N/A	Reason for Use	Source

C. Feed Storage: Describe your feed storage locations

Storage ID #	Type of Feed Stored	Type of Storage	Location of Storage	Capacity	Organic (O), Buffer (B), Transitional (T), Conventional (C),

How do you control pest (rodents, insects, other) problems in organic feed storage areas?

VI. Water

1. What are your sources of water for livestock use?
 on-site well municipal river/creek/pond spring other _____

2. How do you make water available to your animals?

3. If you use additives in the water, list them and state reason for use: _____

4. Describe any water contamination problems in your region: _____

5. If you have a river, creek, or pond on your property, how do you prevent access by livestock? _____

VII. Housing

Organic standards require that animals living conditions provide reasonable freedom of movement, lack of crowding, proper sanitation, fresh air, sunshine, appropriate shelter, and adequate bedding. If animals eat the bedding, organic bedding is required. If your operation includes multiple houses and you need more space, please attach a list identifying each house, square footage, number of animals in each house, and calculate square footage per animal.

1. What type of housing do you use?
2. Describe sizes (length and width), number of animals per housing unit, and calculate square footage per animal.
3. Describe type of bedding, do animals consumer bedding, is bedding certified organic:
4. How often and how is housing cleaned out?
5. Describe sanitation and or cleaning products used:
6. Describe ventilation systems:
7. List light sources used in animal housing:
8. Is day length regulated using artificial light? Yes No If yes, describe use.
9. Describe outdoor areas used by animals:
10. Describe access to outdoors including pasture for each type of animal being certified including the age access to outdoors allowed, type of outdoor access (pasture, other) and number of hours outdoors in the chart below.

Type of Livestock/Poultry	Winter	Spring	Summer	Fall

VIII. Animal Health Care

Organic standards require a proactive health management program to prevent health problems and potential use of prohibited materials. If prohibited materials are used, the treated animals and/or their products are no longer organic and a system must be maintained to identify organic

animals and conventional animals. You may not withhold treatment to a sick animal to maintain its organic status. Records must be kept of all treatments and made available to inspector. New applicants must complete the following. Continuing applicants must indicate any changes from last application for all questions and complete question number 3.

1. Identify farm's veterinarian/ animal clinic. Provide name, address and phone number.

2. Identify (circle) the general components of your animal health management program:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------|
| selective breeding | raise own replacement stock | isolation for purchased/diseased animals | |
| culling | vaccinations | good sanitation | access to outdoors |
| dry bedding | good ventilation in housing | good quality feed | pasture rotation |
| nutritional supplements | probiotics | homeopathy | herbal remedies |
| acupuncture | other | | |

3. List health or disease problems in the last 12 months, including vaccinations, antibiotics, or parasiticides given or planned. Indicate whether allowed, restricted or prohibited per the NOP National list. For restricted, indicate compliance with use (generally, tried approved methods without success).

Health Problem/Disease	Animal ID	Prevention and Management Practice	Products Used	Allowed (A), Restricted (R), Prohibited (P)	Reason for using restricted or prohibited

5. List any remedies and medicines that you have or plan to have not included in chart above. (aspirin, rubbing alcohol, homeopathic or herbal remedies) to treat your animals.

6. If you use any hormones, list and state reason for use:

C. Fly Control: If flies are a problem in your operation, what do you do to prevent or control them?

D. Parasite Control: If internal or external parasites are a problem in your operation, what are they and how do you prevent or control them?

E. Predator Control:

1) Please circle which predators you have problems with: hawks feral cats raccoons/skunks
 dogs foxes coyotes other___

2) Describe how you handle predator problems including poison baits in this table. For restricted or prohibited indicate how you are complying with the NOP requirements.

Predator	Controls Used	Products Used	Allowed (A), Restricted (R), Prohibited (P)	Compliance with NOP for Restricted or Prohibited

F. Surgical Practices: Describe the surgical practices you use _____ Not Used

Surgical Practice	What Age Performed	Why Used?
Beak Trimming		
Wing Burning		
Castration		
Horn Removal		
Teeth Cutting		
Despurring		
Other		

IX. Manure Management

1. Describe manure storage and handling practices.
2. Estimate quantity of manure generated per year: _____ Tons
3. Describe how you manage manure to prevent contamination of crops, soil or water.
4. Do you have a stream, river, etc. close to areas where you pasture livestock? Yes No If yes, how do you restrict access by your livestock to protect water quality?
5. Do you produce crops for human consumption in areas that could be contaminated by manure from your livestock? Yes No If yes, how do you prevent contamination?

X. Egg Handling

1. Dozens produced per year:
2. Are eggs packed on the farm? Yes No If yes, indicate Maryland registration number.
3. If not packed on the farm, where are the egg packed?
4. How are the eggs cleaned and sanitized? Indicate any soaps or sanitizers used and provide a copy of the MSDS sheet with your application.

XI. Dairy Products Handling

1. Indicate the type of milk handling system used (ex. Pipeline, parlor, etc.)
2. How are you licensed? Grade A Grade B other

3. Describe cleaning cycle for milking equipment (water temperature, number of rinses, etc.)

4. Attach MSDS sheets for all products used to application

Name of detergent (s) used

Name of acid cleaner used

Name of sanitizer

5. List somatic cell counts for last six tests

Date	SSC	Date	SSC	Date	SSC

6. List products used to clean animals including brand name and attach copy of label or MSDS sheet to application

Teat Dips:

Udder Washes:

Other:

7. How often do you change inflations? _____

8. How many animals do you currently milk? _____

9. Report production for last six milkings

Date	Pounds Produced	Date	Pounds Produced	Date	Pounds Produced

XII. Handling for Slaughter

The federal and Maryland Poultry Products Inspection Act allows the on farm slaughter of less than 20,000 poultry per year without continuous inspection. This product is still required to meet the requirements of the federal and Maryland Poultry Inspection Acts. Maryland regulations prohibit the sale of uninspected poultry other than directly from the farm to the consumer. In general, the federal and Maryland Meat Inspection Act prohibits the slaughter of cattle, sheep, swine, goats, and equine without continuous inspection by USDA/FSIS. All meat and poultry products must be sold by weight and scales used to weigh meat and poultry must be registered and tested by MDA's Weight and Measures Section. Organically produced animals must be slaughtered by a certified organic facility to be sold as organic, organically raised, organically produced, etc.

1. Do you label meat or poultry as organic, organically raised, organically produced, etc.? Yes No If yes, complete the following questions.

2. Does someone else slaughter, process and label your livestock and/or poultry as organic to be returned to you to sell? Yes No If yes, list their name, address and their certifier and USDA plant number

3. Are animals transported to slaughter? Yes No If yes, answer a through d

a. How are animals loaded?

b. Do you use electric prods? Yes No

c. How long does transport to slaughter take?

d. Are animals provided food and water during transport? Yes No

3. If slaughtering animals other than poultry, are you inspected by USDA/FSIS? Yes No

If yes, complete MDA Slaughter application. If no, meat products cannot be certified as they are not in

compliance with the Federal Meat Inspection Act.

4. Answer the following questions if you are slaughtering your own poultry for sale as organic (less than 20,000 annually).

a. What method of slaughter is used?

b. What sanitizers/detergents are used to clean equipment? Include MSDS sheets or copy of label with application.

c. What sanitizers are used directly on poultry products? Include MSDS sheets or copy of label with application.

d. Do you slaughter conventional poultry at the same location? Yes No If yes, what system or records do you have in place to prevent commingling of conventional and organic poultry?

e. How is system purged prior to organic runs after conventional runs, use of sanitizers/detergents not on National list, or use of processing aids not on National list?

XIII. Animal Identification

Organic Standards require individual identification of large animals and "lot" or "flock" identification of small animals.

1. Describe your identification system:

2. If animals are treated with prohibited materials, how are they identified and/or segregated?

Please be prepared to provide the inspector access to the following records or attach to your application as applicable. Use this checklist to be sure that you are maintaining all required record keeping and including the appropriate items as attachments to your application.

Attach to Application

_____ Farm Map with additional information requested of animal producers (Animal housing and holding areas, feed storage, manure storage, outdoor areas used by animals). The same farm map can be used for crop certification and animal certification as long as all information is included.

_____ Lists of purchased animals or flocks, if the number exceeds available space in tables provided

_____ All feed, mineral and feed supplement labels or MSDS sheets

_____ Labels for any organic products being sold

Available During Inspection

_____ documentation of purchased animals

_____ breeding records

_____ all feed, minerals, and feed supplements labels and receipts

_____ Feed storage and inventory control records

_____ health records

_____ Animal medicines and remedies and receipts

- _____ somatic cell/plate count
- _____ milk production records
- _____ Egg production records
- _____ Slaughter records
- _____ sales of animals
- _____ Sales (purchase orders, contracts, invoice, cash receipts, cash receipt journal, sales journal)
- _____ shipping/transportation records
- _____ Complaint Log (Required of all certified operations – MDA Form MDA-DOC-036 is available to comply with this requirement)
- _____ other _____

XV. Affirmation & Signature

I affirm that all statements made in this application are true and correct. No prohibited materials have been applied to any of my organically managed fields and I have followed the requirements of the National Organic Program for livestock. I understand that the operation may be subject to unannounced inspection and/or sampling for residues at any time as deemed appropriate to ensure compliance with the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, the National Organic Program Rule and other applicable standards or requirements. I agree to pay all costs and fees associated with this program. I understand that I must notify the MDA Organic Certification program if I intend to make modifications to products, processes or systems which could affect the compliance of the product with the requirements of the applicable standards or regulations and cannot sell or distribute the affected products until approval is received from the MDA Organic Certification Program.

I understand if I (a) knowingly sell or label a product as organic, except in accordance with the ACT, I shall be subject to civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 per violation; (b) make a false statement under the Act to the Secretary, a governing State official, or an accredited certifying agent, I shall be subject to the provisions of section 1001 of Title 18, United States Code.

I understand that except for operations exempt or excluded in the NOP §205.101, each production or handling operation or specified portion of a production or handling operation that produces or handles crops, livestock, livestock products, or other agricultural products that are intended to be sold, labeled, or represented as “100 percent organic,” “organic,” or “made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))” must be certified according to the provisions of subpart E of the NOP and must meet all other applicable requirement of this part and submission of this plan in no way implies granting or continuation of certification by the MDA Organic Certification Program certifying agent.

Applicant’s signature

Date

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Date

No person or operation shall be excluded from participation in or denied the benefits of the National Organic Program due to discrimination because of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or marital or family status.