

Preliminary Dairy Transition Checklist

NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC

Name _____

Farm Name _____

Have you used treated seeds on any fields in the past three years? If yes, these fields are not eligible for certification for three years from the date the seeds were planted.

Yes No

Will you have a minimum of 1.5 acres of land / 1000 lb. animal unit or 90% of your fields that will qualify as certifiable? (At least 36 months of time must have elapsed since the last application of a prohibited substance: i.e.; synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides, treated seeds)

Yes No

Do you have adequate certifiable pasture so that all animals over 6 months of age can be on pasture a minimum of 120 days per year and receive a significant portion of their dry matter needs from pasture?

Yes No

Is your pasture system for the lactating herd: (check one) _____ Intensive rotational grazing
_____ Occasional rotation
_____ Continuous

Will you be able to manage your entire organic herd without the use of antibiotics, hormones or many conventionally used medications?

Yes No

Will all animals 6 months and older be able to daily outdoor access year round?

Yes No

Are you committed to keeping extensive records on all phases of your farming?

Yes No

Do you have a permanent identification system in place for all of your livestock and fields?

Yes No

Will you have adequate organic forage and grain on hand, harvestable or out sources identified to supply your entire herd with 100% Organic Feed for the full year? **Note: (Feeds harvested from fields in their third year of transition that are included in the Organic Farm Plan may be used to meet the 100% Organic Feed Requirement.)**

Yes No

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Are your facilities and management such that:

- Cows are clean with good overall appearance? **Yes** **No**
- Animals are generally very healthy? **Yes** **No**
- Milk quality is adequate to high? **Yes** **No**

Do you have a confirmed market for your milk? **Yes** **No**

Have you read all of the standards and policies pertaining to crop and dairy production? **Yes** **No**

Do you understand all of the standards and policies pertaining to crop and dairy production? **Yes** **No**

Can your farm meet all the standards and requirements of organic dairy production? **Yes** **No**

Do you want to begin the one-year dairy transition? **Yes** **No**

Signed _____

Date _____