



Producer Number:

Grass Fed Number:

Name:

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. What are you planning to certify as grass fed?

1. **Animal Types:** Dairy Cows Beef Cattle Sheep Goats
2. **Products:** Milk Meat Processed Products
- other:

B. How are you marketing your grass-fed products?

- No Marketing
- Direct Market / Retail
- Milk Company, list:
- other:

C. Have you ever been or are you currently certified grass fed through another program?

- Yes No

1. If yes, list which program: (submit a copy of your grass fed certificate, determination letter and inspection report, if applicable:)

D. How long have you been managing your entire herd (including youngstock) as grass fed? Please specify the date grass fed management was started if known:

E. Describe type and quantity of forage currently available to sustain grass fed herd during transition period:

F. If purchasing organic animals, what was the last date of purchase? (Once Grass Fed transition or certification starts, all purchased animals must be Grass Fed Certified & Organic Certified.)

G. Have you fed grain or grain by-products (including minerals/vitamins with grain carriers) at any time while the animals were under grass fed management?

- Yes No

1. If yes, explain:

2. Are you currently feeding grain to youngstock? Yes No

C. Indicate total acreage of pasture per grazing season available for your entire herd including acreage of grazed hay fields:

D. Describe approximately how long grazed areas are rested before returning animals for grazing:

E. Is temporary fencing used?

- Yes No

F. Check the types of forages used and list which groups of animals the forage is fed to for animals of all ages:

- Haylage:
- Baleage:
- Dry Hay:
- Grain-Free Silage:

- Sorghum/Sudangrass:
- Alfalfa/Forage Pellets: (enticement only)
- other:

- G. List all supplements provided to animals of all ages: (must be approved by the office and indicated on your materials list)
- salt beet pulp dry sugar molasses apple cider vinegar
 - kelp citrus pulp whole beets brassicas/radishes minerals/vitamins (grain-free)
 - other:

- H. Describe your plan for increasing forage quality, soil mineral balancing and enhancing pasture health:
- soil testing diverse plantings maintain soil coverage
 - forage testing soil amendments leaving longer stubble height
 - fallow periods erosion prevention intensive rotational grazing system
 - long rest periods other:

- I. Do you or are you planning to feed sprouted grains/fodder sprouts? Yes No

1. If yes, at what time of the year and how much per animal?

2. Describe how you remove the roots before feeding:

- J. Are you growing any grain crops or corn that you plan to harvest or graze in the vegetative state (corn in pre-tassel stage, soybeans prior to bloom, small and cereal grains prior to boot stage)?
 Yes No

1. If yes, how will you document and ensure that the crop is harvested/grazed in the vegetative state?
 documenting graze dates document planting/harvest records
 reserving sample of crop harvested photos documenting crop planting/harvest
 other:

- K. Are you purchasing any forage made from grain/cereal plants? Yes No
If yes, be sure to obtain statement from seller on whether forage was harvested in vegetative state.

- L. Are you growing any grain crops on your farm to be harvested for grain? Yes No

1. If yes, what will be done with the grain and how will it be kept separate from the grass fed animals?

- M. What is your plan to ensure you are maintaining herd and soil health under grass fed management including complete nutrition/energy in diet without feeding grain?
 high quality forage pasture management seeding/soil amending soil testing
 feed supplements other:

Note: If grain or a grain by-product is needed to restore animal health this should not be withheld from an animal to maintain its grass fed status. If grain or grain by-products are fed to dairy animals they will need to be removed from the farm.

- N. What specialist(s) are you working with to ensure you are meeting the needs of animal and soil health?
 agronomist soil test lab Cooperative Extension specialist
 veterinarian nutritionist independent consultant milk company specialist
 Certified to a Third Party animal welfare program, indicate name and submit copy of certificate:

 other:

- O. If an animal designated for meat use is removed from grass fed organic certification, but remains in your herd, how will the animal be identified? (Dairy animal(s) removed from grass fed organic status may not remain on farm)
 NA - Dairy animals only

- A. Do you plan to package and label any processed products (meat or dairy) as grass fed?
 Yes No

IF PACKAGING/LABELING PROCESSED PRODUCTS AS GRASS FED, PLEASE COMPLETE THE BALANCE OF THIS SECTION

- B. List all products you intend to certify as grass fed:
- C. Where are products labeled? no labeling on farm by processing/slaughter facility
- D. Will the "NOFA-NY 100% Grass Fed" logo be used? Yes No
- E. Please submit new/updated sample labels for approval before printing. (Be sure to check with the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) to ensure your labels with grass fed claims are approved.)
- F. Are you certifying any multi-ingredient grass fed products? Yes No
If yes, handling addendum OSP and product profiles will be needed. Contact the office for forms as needed. Be sure to obtain grass fed organic certificates for purchased ingredients as applicable.
1. Describe how purchased ingredients are verified as certified Grass Fed Organic:
- G. Describe the tracking system, including lot number, which verifies Grass Fed Organic integrity/identity of the product throughout production:
- H. Do you process/handle products that are not certified Grass Fed Organic? Yes No
1. If yes, describe how commingling of Grass Fed Organic and non-grass fed organic products is prevented:

Please attach a detailed SOP explaining how commingling is prevented