



Certified Grass Fed Animal Commercial Unavailability Form

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Operation name: _____ Date: _____

► Replacement animals must be certified grass fed unless “commercially unavailable”. Complete this form to explain commercial unavailability for certified grass fed animals per Organic Plus Trust (OPT) Program Manual and NOFA-NY 100% Grass Fed Certification Standards Manual. When certified grass fed animals are commercially unavailable, certified organic animals may be sourced provided this form is completed, the office notified and a plan to segregate the organic animal’s milk for 90-days is implemented.

A grass-fed organic dairy animal is **commercially unavailable** for purchase whenever an operation certified to the OPT or NOFA-NY 100% Grass Fed Standards demonstrates to the certifying agent that it cannot timely obtain an animal with the operation’s animal attributes. **Operation’s animal attributes** may include but is not limited to, breed, age, health, replacement transport time, body score, disease/illness profile, source location, performance history, etc.

A. DATE OF PURCHASE _____ **GRASS-FED TRANSITION START DATE** _____

1. Animal ID(s): _____

B. GRASS-FED ANIMAL SEARCH

1. Describe your search (potential suppliers, dates, search methods) to demonstrate that certified grass-fed organic animals are commercially unavailable. You are expected to search at least three viable sources.

2. Which criteria makes certified grass-fed animal(s) commercially unavailable? Check all that apply.

Breed Location Transport time Quantity Age of Animals Other _____

C. PLAN TO SOURCE CERTIFIED GRASS FED ANIMALS

1. Describe your plan to search for certified grass fed animals in the future. Records or documentation of continued efforts to locate certified grass fed sources will be examined at your annual inspections.

D. PLAN TO SEGREGATE MILK DURING 90-DAY TRANSITION PERIOD

1. Provide a detailed plan (including but not limited to housing, milking procedures, etc) to ensure that milk from transitioning animals will not enter the grass fed stream of commerce. _____

2. How will withheld milk be disposed of? _____

*****Please use the Grass-Fed Milk Withholding Log to track the withholding of milk during transition period.*****