



# Outdoor Access/Grazing Calendar

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Name / Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Production Year \_\_\_\_\_

*Use this form or equivalent to document compliance with outdoor access/grazing requirements per §205.239.*

**► HOW TO COMPLETE CHART:**

**Full Access** = Ruminant livestock are on pasture for the entire grazing season (except for milking as applicable) and have continuous outdoor access in the non-grazing season. Poultry and non-ruminant livestock have continuous outdoor access.

**Temporary Confinement** = There are times that ruminants do not have outdoor access in the non-grazing season or are not on pasture in the grazing season. There are times that poultry & non-ruminants do not have outdoor access. *Be sure to document times, animals & reason (see back for list of valid temporary exemptions).*

**No Access** = Animals are confined.

January	February	March	April
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Access <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Confinement* <input type="checkbox"/> No Access*	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Access <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Confinement* <input type="checkbox"/> No Access*	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Access <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Confinement* <input type="checkbox"/> No Access*	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Access <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Confinement* <input type="checkbox"/> No Access*

May	June	July	August
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Access <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Confinement* <input type="checkbox"/> No Access*	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Access <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Confinement* <input type="checkbox"/> No Access*	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Access <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Confinement* <input type="checkbox"/> No Access*	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Access <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Confinement* <input type="checkbox"/> No Access*

September	October	November	December
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Access <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Confinement* <input type="checkbox"/> No Access*	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Access <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Confinement* <input type="checkbox"/> No Access*	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Access <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Confinement* <input type="checkbox"/> No Access*	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Access <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Confinement* <input type="checkbox"/> No Access*

**Confinement Details:**

N/A

\* List all times & reasons for confinement in the grazing season/no outdoor access in the non-grazing season for any ruminant.

\* List all times & reasons for no outdoor access for poultry/non-ruminants.

Date/Times	List Exemption (see back) & Reason for Confinement	Group/flock/animal ID(s)

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Confinement Details: (continued)

Date/Times	List Exemption (see below) & Reason for Confinement	Group/flock/animal ID(s)

**§ 205.239 Livestock living conditions.**

- (b) The producer of an organic livestock operation may provide temporary confinement or shelter for an animal because of:
  - (1) Inclement weather;
  - (2) The animal's stage of life: Except, that lactation is not a stage of life that would exempt ruminants from any of the mandates set forth in this regulation;
  - (3) Conditions under which the health, safety, or well-being of the animal could be jeopardized;
  - (4) Risk to soil or water quality;
  - (5) Preventive healthcare procedures or for the treatment of illness or injury (neither the various life stages nor lactation is an illness or injury);
  - (6) Sorting or shipping animals and livestock sales: *Provided*, that, the animals shall be maintained under continuous organic management, including organic feed, throughout the extent of their allowed confinement;
  - (7) Breeding: Except, that, bred animals shall not be denied access to the outdoors and, once bred, ruminants shall not be denied access to pasture during the grazing season; or
  - (8) 4-H, Future Farmers of America and other youth projects, for no more than one week prior to a fair or other demonstration, through the event and up to 24 hours after the animals have arrived home at the conclusion of the event. These animals must have been maintained under continuous organic management, including organic feed, during the extent of their allowed confinement for the event.
- (c) The producer of an organic livestock operation may, in addition to the times permitted under §205.239(b), temporarily deny a ruminant animal pasture or outdoor access under the following conditions:
  - (1) One week at the end of a lactation for dry off (for denial of access to pasture only), three weeks prior to parturition (birthing), parturition, and up to one week after parturition;
  - (2) In the case of newborn dairy cattle for up to six months, after which they must be on pasture during the grazing season and may no longer be individually housed: *Provided*, That, an animal shall not be confined or tethered in a way that prevents the animal from lying down, standing up, fully extending its limbs, and moving about freely;
  - (3) In the case of fiber bearing animals, for short periods for shearing; and
  - (4) In the case of dairy animals, for short periods daily for milking. Milking must be scheduled in a manner to ensure sufficient grazing time to provide each animal with an average of at least 30 percent DMI from grazing throughout the grazing season. Milking frequencies or duration practices cannot be used to deny dairy animals pasture.