



Custom Grazing/Boarded Animal Info & Release

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Name/Farm Name: _____ Year: _____

Plans for off-farm livestock grazing or boarding **must be submitted to the certification office for review and approval prior to the relocation** of any certified organic livestock. Any noncompliances that result from off-farm grazing or boarding are the livestock owner's responsibility. While animals are at the custom grazing/boarding operation, audit trail documentation will need to be kept by both parties and available for review at inspections and submitted with update applications. These forms include: Livestock Health Care & Medication Records, Purchased Feed Logs (as applicable to the custom grazed/boarded animals), and Dry Matter Intake Worksheet & Outdoor Access & Grazing Calendar.

1. **Do you:** Custom graze organic animals off-farm (animals receive pasture only)
- **Submit:** A current organic certificate for custom grazer indicating pasture and/or custom grazing or livestock. Include a map and directions to the custom grazing operation.
- Custom board organic animals off-farm (animals receive some housing and/or stored feed in addition to pasture)
- **Submit:** A current organic certificate for custom boarder indicating pasture and livestock or custom boarding. Include a map and directions to the custom boarding operation.
 - **Grass Fed Certified Producers:** Submit a current grass-fed certificate for custom boarding operation.

2. **Info on custom grazing/boarding operation:** (Note: Land must be certified organic before animals arrive.)

a. Farm Owner: _____

Farm Name: _____

Address (street, state & zip): _____

Phone Number: _____

Certified by: _____

b. How far is this facility from your home farm? _____

- c. Is a barn or other housing used for custom grazed/boarded animals? Yes No
- If yes, is this housing inspected as part certification? Yes No
 - If no, will need inspection before animals arrive. Please contact the certification office as soon as possible.

d. Is there a written agreement that ensures the custom grazing/boarding operation will operate in compliance with the regulations and notify the owner of all changes in their operation that would affect the organic status of the animals? Yes No

3. **Animal Info:**

a. List approximate date(s) animals are sent: _____ List approximate date(s) animals return: _____

b. List type and approximate number of animals sent: _____

c. How are animals transported to/from? _____

d. Do you track which animals are sent (animal ID#s, date sent, date back to home farm)? Yes No

e. If animals give birth at the custom grazing/boarding operation, how is this recorded? _____ NA

4. **Pasture / Feed Info:**

a. List dates the grazing season starts and ends for the custom grazing/boarding operation (on average): _____

b. Animals are at the off-farm site:

During the Grazing Season:

1) Do animals receive supplemental feed (forage, grain) while on pasture? Yes No

- If yes, list feed type: _____
- Quantity fed: _____
- Source: _____
- Certified by: _____
- How is organic feed stored? _____

2) How is Dry Matter Intake from pasture monitored to ensure compliance during the grazing season? _____

3) List IDs of certified pastures/areas used by livestock: _____

4) Who monitors feed & pasture and what records are kept? _____

During the Non-Grazing Season:

1) List types of feed fed: _____

- Quantity fed: _____
- Source: _____
- Certified by: _____
- How is organic feed stored? _____

2) List IDs of certified outdoor access areas used by livestock: _____

3) Who monitors feed and what records are kept? _____

5. Livestock Healthcare:

a. Are mineral mixes, kelp, loose salt, salt blocks, etc. used? Yes No

If yes, list all: _____

b. Are livestock medications / health care products used? Yes No

If yes, list all: _____

All healthcare treatments must be recorded on the Livestock Medication /Health Care Record.

c. Who is responsible for treating a sick animal? _____ NA

d. Are all feed supplements/health care products approved by the NOFA-NY certification office? Yes No

All products must be added to the Materials List and approved prior to use.

6. Release of Information:

At times, it may be necessary to discuss certification issues with both the owner of the animals and the custom grazing/boarding operation. In order to give NOFA NY Certified Organic, LLC permission to discuss management of the custom grazed/boarded animals, both parties must sign and date the authorization section below:

I verify that the information on this form is accurate. I authorize NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC to discuss and/or release information on the management of the custom grazed and/or boarded animals listed on this form with both the owner of the livestock and the custom grazing/boarding operation, and to notify the potentially affected parties regarding any Notice of Noncompliance, Proposed Suspension or Proposed Revocation issued to my operation.

Owner/Manager of Livestock:

Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Owner/Manager of Custom Grazing/Boarding Operation:

Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____