# Organic System Plan - Livestock Producers

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## Section A. Livestock Flow Chart

1. Provide information regarding the flow of animals through your system. Include source of animals, living conditions for each stage of production and final destination of animals. This may be in a narrative form or submitted as a flow chart. **If you have more than one species or category of livestock (e.g. broilers, layers, swine, beef and/or dairy), please submit an individual flow chart for each species or category.** Refer to the example below and attach additional sheets as necessary.

![Livestock Flow Chart](chart.png)

Flow chart and/or additional narrative:
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Section B. Origin of Livestock [NOS 205.236]

Tip! USDA organic regulations require products intended for sale as organic be from livestock under continuous organic management from the last third of gestation. Exception: Poultry must be under continuous organic management beginning no later than the second day of life.

1. Do you purchase animals? [ ] Yes [ ] No
   1a. If yes, list all sources of animals in the table below:

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<tr>
<th>Type of Animal</th>
<th>Source (Name, Address or Phone)</th>
<th>If Organic, Certifying Agency</th>
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<td>Ex. Day-old Chicks</td>
<td>Heritage Hatchery, 555 Main Street, Anytown WA. (360) 555-1212</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>Ex. Beef Calves</td>
<td>Circle O Ranch, 1234 5th Street, Anytown WA (509) 111-2222</td>
<td>WSDA</td>
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Tip! Maintain all receipts and organic certificates for purchased animals and have them available at your annual inspection.

2. Have all animals (except poultry and dairy animals) been under continuous organic management since the last third of gestation? [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] N/A
3. Have all poultry been under continuous organic management since the 2nd day of life? [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] N/A
4. Do you raise organic and non-organic livestock? [ ] Yes [ ] No
   4a. If yes, please list all non-organic livestock you raise, including species and class of livestock (ex – Chickens (layers), Hogs (Sows for breeding), etc)...

4b. If yes, Describe how you keep organic and non-organic livestock and feed from commingling:

5. Check the method(s) of animal identification you use:
   - [ ] Ear tag
   - [ ] Ear notching
   - [ ] By Flock
   - [ ] Tattoo
   - [ ] Brand
   - [ ] Other:
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6. Provide details of your animal identification system below (ex – range of ear tags, color(s) of tags, design/shape of brand, flock identification, etc.)

Dairy Animals - Organic livestock products must be from livestock under continuous organic management from the last third of gestation. Except, organic milk or milk products must be from animals that are under continuous organic management for at least one year prior to production.

7. Do you raise organic dairy animals?  
   [ ] Yes  [ ] No

   **If no, skip to Next Section**

   7a. Are you currently transitioning a herd from non-organic management to organic management?  
       [ ] Yes  [ ] No

       i. If Yes, list the date you began your transition:

   7b. Which animals have been under organic management from the last third of gestation?

       [ ] None  
       [ ] Some  
       [ ] All

       All are transitioned dairy animals or breeder stock so far. Future calves will qualify as organic from last third of gestation beginning with calves born after (Date)_______.

       My farm has some transitioned dairy animals or breeder stock but also has some animals that have been under organic management from last third of gestation.

       Currently all animals on-site have been managed organically from the last third of gestation.

   7c. If purchased dairy animals are intended for slaughter, please indicate how you verify they are organic from the last third of gestation:

       [ ] N/A no purchased animals

Tip! Attach a list of all animals currently on your operation that are not eligible for organic slaughter on a separate piece of paper. This includes non-organic animals, animals treated with synthetic parasiticides or dairy animals transitioned from non-organic management. Also list replacement stock if you can’t get verification from the previous owner that they qualify for organic slaughter.
Tip! National Organic Standards require that a producer provide living conditions which accommodate the health and natural behavior of the animal, including access to the outdoors, access to pasture, clean and dry bedding as well as shelter for organic animals.

1. Document the housing you provide to the organic animals on your operation in the table below (be sure to include housing for all species and categories of animals):

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<tr>
<th>Production Group</th>
<th>When Used? (stage of life)</th>
<th>Housing Types</th>
<th># of animals per unit</th>
<th>Size of indoor space</th>
<th>Size of outdoor space</th>
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<tr>
<td>Ex – calves</td>
<td>0-3 months</td>
<td>Hutch</td>
<td>1 per hutch</td>
<td>4 x 4</td>
<td>4 x 4</td>
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<td>Ex – layer pullets</td>
<td>2-4 months</td>
<td>Quonset Hut</td>
<td>100 birds</td>
<td>20x40</td>
<td>10x20</td>
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2. Do you provide year-round access to the outdoors, shade, shelter, exercise areas, fresh air, clean water and direct sunlight for all organic livestock?  
   ☐ Yes ☐ No

   2a. If no, please indicate why livestock may be subject to confinement:
   ☐ Inclement weather ☐ Stage of production ☐ Other:
   ☐ Risk to soil or water ☐ Health, safety, or well being of anima
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3. Indicate the duration of confinement for each group listed below. Be sure to distinguish between different species for categories of livestock (e.g. broilers, layers, swine, beef and/or dairy). If not applicable, indicate “N/A” in the space provided.

- Young Stock:  
- Slaughter Stock:  
- Feeder Stock:  
- Pre-Parturition (birth):  
- Breeding Animals:  
- Post-Parturition (birth):  
- Lactating Animals:  
- Other (Please Specify):  

4. Is shelter available for organic animals?  
   - Yes
   - No
   - N/A

4a. Describe the shelter:

5. Indicate which conditions are addressed by the shelter provided (check all that apply).
   - Natural maintenance
   - Comfort behaviors
   - Opportunity for exercise
   - Suitable temperature levels
   - Ventilation
   - Air circulation
   - Reduction of potential for injury
   - Other:

6. Do you provide bedding for your animals?  
   - Yes
   - No
   - N/A

6a. If yes, list the type of bedding:

6b. If the bedding is a roughage, is it certified organic?  
   - Yes
   - No

Tip! Edible roughages such as straw and hay must be organic when used as bedding. Have a current organic certificate for roughages used as bedding available at your inspection.
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7. Do you provide supplemental access to yards, feeding pads or feedlots?  
   □ Yes  □ No
   7a. If yes, describe how you ensure access to feed without crowding or competition for food:

8. Do you finish slaughter stock?  
   □ Yes  □ No
   8a. If yes, specify the number of days animals are denied pasture during the finishing period:

9. Has your farm developed a written conservation plan that addresses manure management?  
   □ Yes  □ No
   9a. If yes, please check all that apply:
      □ Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) – Certified by a Conservation District in Washington State
      □ Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) Plan – Approved by Washington State Dept. of Ecology
      □ Confined Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) Plan – Approved by Oregon Department of Agriculture
      □ Conservation District Plan
      □ Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Plan
      □ Small Farm Plan
      □ Other (please specify):

10. Provide a description of the practices that are implemented to ensure that manure does not put soil, surface water or ground water at risk for contamination with plant nutrients, heavy metals, or pathogenic organisms:

Tip! A compliant manure management plan ensures that manure does not contribute to the contamination of crops, soil, or water by plant nutrients, heavy metals, or pathogenic organisms. It also optimizes recycling of nutrients and must manage pastures and other outdoor access areas in a manner that does not put soil or water quality at risk [NOS 205.239(e)].

Tip! If you are regulated by the WSDA Dairy Nutrient Management Program or other State Department of Agriculture, please have your manure management plan available at your inspection.
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Section D. Pasture

1. Do you provide access to pasture for organic animals?
   - □ Yes  □ No
   1a. If no, Skip to Next Section

2. Describe the type of vegetation in your pastures (ex – species, type, etc):

3. List your grazing season (does not have to be continuous):

4. Describe your grazing system, including the type of grazing (e.g. strip, rotational), stocking rate, size of paddocks, etc.:

5. Describe any supplemental feeding during grazing season, including the class of animal and the type and amount of feed provided per unit of time (ex – 2 bales grass hay/day to milk cows in July and August):

Tip! Maintain feed records for all supplemental feed provided to organic animals during the grazing season. These will be reviewed at your inspection.
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Ruminant Livestock Only

6. Indicate your method for calculating dry matter demand (DMD) and dry matter intake (DMI):
   - [ ] USDA National Organic Program Dry Matter Demand Tables (see Tip below)
   - [ ] Direct field measurement (please describe below)
   - [ ] Other (e.g. Nutritionist):

   **Tip!** USDA National Organic Program Dry Matter Demand Tables can be found in the NOP Program Handbook: http://www.ams.usda.gov

7. In the table below, indicate the Dry Matter Demand (DMD) for each class of animal. Then indicate the Dry Matter Intake (DMI) you have planned for each class of animal to get from pasture during the grazing season (% DMI from pasture).

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<th>DMD</th>
<th>% DMI from pasture</th>
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8. Describe practices implemented to ensure that the pasture is of a sufficient quality and quantity to graze throughout the grazing season and to provide all ruminants under the organic system plan with an average of not less than 30 percent of their dry matter intake from grazing throughout the grazing season.
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Section E. Feed Rations

**Tip!** Organic standards require that producers provide livestock with a total feed ration composed of 100% organic agricultural products, including pasture and forage. This feed ration must be sufficient to meet nutritional requirements. Be sure to list all supplements and/or feed additives on the Material Inventory.

1. Provide the following information for all stages of organic livestock on your operation. **If you have more than one species or category of livestock (e.g. broilers, layers, swine, beef and/or dairy), please submit an individual ration for each species or category.** If you maintain feed records in a different format (nutritionist’s rations, Excel spreadsheet, etc.), you may submit that documentation in lieu of completing the tables below.

### FEED RATIONS – Grazing Season

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<th>Class of Animal</th>
<th># of Animals</th>
<th>Avg. weight (lbs)</th>
<th>Grain</th>
<th>Pasture</th>
<th>Hay</th>
<th>Other</th>
<th>Grain</th>
<th>Pasture (DMI)</th>
<th>Hay</th>
<th>Other</th>
<th>Purchased?</th>
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<td>Example: Dry Cows</td>
<td>25</td>
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<td>Dairy Ration</td>
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<td>1.5#/day</td>
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#### FEED RATIONS – Non Grazing Season

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<th>Class of Animal</th>
<th># of Animals</th>
<th>Avg. Weight (lbs)</th>
<th>TYPE OF FEED</th>
<th>AMOUNT OF FEED/UNIT OF TIME</th>
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Example: String1 Cows
75 1750 Dairy ration alfalfa grass mix cannery waste 15#/day 30#/day 50#/day

Example: Layers
1400 6 Layer Mash Pasture Scratch 450#/day Daily Access 2 x 50# bags/yr

#### Tip!
All feed produced off farm must have a current organic certificate available at your annual inspection.

2. Is all feed certified organic?  [ ] Yes  [ ] No
Tip! Organic standards require livestock producers to establish & maintain preventative livestock health care practices. When preventative practices & veterinary biologics are inadequate to prevent sickness, a producer may administer synthetic medications allowed per Section 205.603.

Any medications administered, whether allowed or prohibited, must be recorded on an animal health record. *Withholding medical treatment from a sick animal is prohibited.*

1. Indicate the components of your preventative livestock health care practices below. Check all that apply.

   - Selection of species
   - Sufficient feed ration
   - Appropriate housing
   - Appropriate pasture conditions
   - Sanitation
   - Exercise
   - Reduction of stress
   - Freedom of movement
   - Vaccines
   - Biologics
   - Other:

2. Are animals subject to physical alterations?  
   - Yes  
   - No

   2a. If yes, provide a description, including the species, type(s) of alterations, age when alteration done, reason for alteration and how pain and stress are minimized (ex.- dehorning, beak trimming):

Tip! List all inputs used in your preventative livestock health care plan, including vaccines, on the Material Inventory.

3. If an animal were to be treated with a prohibited material, describe your plan and/or current practice for removing this animal from the organic market:

Tip! Maintain documents that verify that all animals treated with a prohibited material were removed from the organic market, and have available at your next annual inspection.

4. List your annual average percentage of culled (live) livestock: %

5. List your annual average percentage of death or loss: %
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Section G: Livestock Product Handling [NOS 205.236, 205.237, 205.238, 205.239]

1. Do you use retail labels for your livestock products (e.g. eggs, meat, etc.)? Yes No
   If yes, attach copies of all labels

2. Do you sell live organic animals for replacement stock or slaughter Yes No
   2a. If yes, describe how you ensure the organic integrity of your animals are maintain during transportation.
   Include details about access to organic feed and records maintained that verify continual organic management.

Dairy Products

3. Do you currently produce or do you plan to produce organic milk on your farm? Yes No
   If no, skip to Eggs

   3a. Do you process your milk into milk products on-farm (e.g. Cheese, yogurt, etc.)? Yes No
   If yes, you must be certified as a Processor in order to sell, label and represent these value added products as organic. Contact our office for information and a certification packet.

Tip! List all milkhouse cleansers and sanitizers on your Material Inventory!

3b. Describe your plan to ensure your milk is not contaminated with sanitizers and cleansers:
   - Potable water rinse
   - Residue testing strips
   - Final rinse step is a sanitizer that is approved for direct food contact
   - Other:

3c. List your milk production and somatic cell counts (SCC) for the previous six months in the table below:

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<th>Date</th>
<th>Somatic Cell Count</th>
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<td>4. Do you currently produce or plan to produce organic eggs on your farm?</td>
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<td><strong>If no, skip to Slaughter</strong></td>
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<td>5. Do you use any materials (egg washes, sanitizers, etc) during egg handling?</td>
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<td>6. Do you sell your eggs anywhere other than on your own physical farm location?</td>
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<td>6a. If yes, do you have an Egg Handlers/Dealers License from the Washington State Dept. of Revenue?</td>
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**Tip!** List all materials used in egg handling in the Materials Inventory. Your egg handling procedures will be verified at your annual inspection. If you handle organic eggs other than those produced on your farm, you are required to obtain certification as a Handler. Contact our office for more information.

### Slaughter

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<td>7. Do you raise organic livestock for slaughter</td>
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<td><strong>If no, skip to Next Section</strong></td>
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<td>8. How is organic livestock sold? Check all that apply:</td>
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<td>☐ Processor  ☐ Live  ☐ Butchered (Please Complete the table below)</td>
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<td>☐ Carcasses  ☐ Auction  ☐ Other:</td>
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<td>8a. If butchered, please list the slaughter facility and cut and wrap facility that you use or plan to use to process your organic meat:</td>
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<th>Slaughter Facility</th>
<th>Cut and Wrap Facility</th>
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<td>Business Name(s):</td>
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<td>Certified Organic by:</td>
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9. If you slaughter poultry on your farm, please indicate the permits and/or documents that you maintain below. Check all that apply:

☐ Not applicable – no poultry slaughtered on farm.

☐ Special Poultry Permit (less than 1,000 birds slaughtered).
   
   **Attach a copy of the flow chart and have permit available at inspection.**

☐ WSDA Food Processing Facility License (over 1,000 birds slaughtered).
   
   **Have your license available at inspection.**

☐ Custom On-Farm Slaughter.
   
   **Have organic certificate for the slaughter business on hand PRIOR to processing of poultry and have available at inspection.**

☐ Other (please specify):

9a. If you slaughter animals other than poultry on your farm, indicate the documents that you maintain below. Check all that apply:

☐ Not applicable – no slaughtered on farm.

☐ WSDA Food Processing Facility License. **Have your license available at inspection.**

☐ Custom On-Farm Slaughter.
   
   **Have organic certificate for the business on hand PRIOR to processing of poultry and have available at inspection.**

☐ Other (please specify):

**Tip!** Auctions where organic livestock are purchased or sold must be certified organic. Please obtain current organic certificates for all livestock auction yards and have them available at your inspection.
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### Section H. Recordkeeping

**Tip!** USDA organic regulations require all records related to organic crop production, harvest, and sale be maintained for five years. Records must be available for review at your annual inspection. Your recordkeeping system must fully disclose all activities and transactions of your operation, and be easily audited.

1. Are the following records maintained?
   - 1a. Records of pasture/outside access? (e.g. days/hours)
   - 1b. Receipts for all purchased livestock?
   - 1c. Weight records of animals at slaughter?
   - 1d. Synthetic medications administered (date, dosage, animal ID)?
   - 1e. Herbal & natural remedies or other approved materials given to organic animals?
   - 1f. Vitamins, minerals or other materials administered for preventative health care?
   - 1g. Receipts for purchased products (medications, supplements, feed, etc?)
   - 1h. Records that treated or transitioned animals have been diverted from the organic market?
   - 1i. Sales records?
   - 1j. Supplement feed records during grazing season?
   - 1k. Other (please list):

**Tip!** You are required to maintain organic related records for 5 years and have them available during inspections. Failure to have documentation at your inspection may impact or delay your organic certification. Keep a copy of this Organic System Plan as a reference.