LIVESTOCK RECORDS CHECKLIST

Field crop records apply to producers certified for hay, pasture, or other annual field crops.

Records are an integral part of organic certification and the inspection. The inspector will review your records and complete two audits — one that checks that organic sales match the quantity of livestocked produced or of feed grown/purchased to feed needed (mass balance) and one that checks the origin of livestock (traceability).

| Items | Description |
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| ☐ Animal ID lists | A list of current animals and how you identify them, including birth records, culling, shipping, sales, and organic slaughter status |
| ☐ Purchased livestock documentation | Receipts for purchased animals and certificates, including whether individual animals qualify as organic slaughter stock, how many animals were purchased & each animal identification, on what date, and from whom |
| ☐ Receipts for products and feed | Receipts (including quantity) for feed, health care products, supplements, and bedding (if using hay/straw/etc. to verify organic) |
| ☐ Pasture maps | Provide a farm map that includes number of acres, adjoining land use, buffer areas, major roads and physical features |
| ☐ Feed harvest and storage records | Field ID, amount, and current inventory of harvested feed |
| ☐ Feed rations | Amount for each animal group and changes (with date) due to supplemental feed during grazing season, stage of life, etc. |
| ☐ Grazing records | Turnout and barn-up dates for each animal group |
| ☐ Temporary confinement records | Dates and reason restricted from pasture/confined |
| ☐ Health materials | Updates to list submitted with annual application |
| ☐ Health care records | Dates, animal(s), reason, treatment notes, withholding periods, veterinarian/hoof trimmer invoices |
| ☐ Production & sales records | Milk slips, sales records (forages, meat, whole animals, eggs, etc.) |
| ☐ Labels & marketing | Copies of current labels and marketing materials in use if applicable; certification documentation for any organic products purchased for resale |