Organic Poultry Plan Application

Please fill out this form if you are requesting organic certification or re-certification of poultry for slaughter or egg production. A separate organic Farm Plan Questionnaire must be filled out if you are growing your own feed or other organic crops for sale. Use additional sheets if necessary. Attachments required with questionnaire: Directions to your farm/ranch operation; farm map showing all poultry houses and outdoor access areas; Outdoor Access/Pasture History Sheet; and water test, if applicable.

Must be in compliance with National Organic Standards 7CFR Part 205 National Organic Program, Final Rule

SECTION 1: General Information

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<th>Operation name</th>
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Preferred dates and time for inspection visit:

- [ ] morning
- [ ] afternoon
- [ ] evening

Organic Certification No.

How many years have you raised poultry?

How many years have you raised poultry organically?

What are your sources of organic poultry information/consultation?

Why do you raise poultry organically?

Year first certified

List previous organic certification by other agencies

List current organic certification by other agencies

Do you understand current organic standards?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

Year when complete Organic Livestock Plan Questionnaire was last submitted:

List type of poultry and/or poultry products requested for certification:

Have you ever been denied certification?

Yes [ ] No [ ]

If yes, describe the circumstances:

SECTION 2: Organic Poultry Operation Profile

List type and number of poultry requested for organic certification (O), in transition (T) and conventional (C) per year:

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<tr>
<th>POULTRY TYPE</th>
<th>NO. HENS</th>
<th>NO. ROOSTERS/TOMS</th>
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### SECTION 3: Source of Animals

Organic standards allow day old poultry to be purchased from any source. Egg-laying pullets may be purchased from any source, but must be raised and fed organically for a specified period of time prior to organic production.

Do you raise your own chicks/replacement egg layers on-farm? [ ] yes [ ] no [ ] No Changes

Do you purchase your chicks/replacement egg layers? [ ] yes [ ] no

If yes, give specific information on purchased poultry:

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<th>TYPE OF POULTRY PURCHASED</th>
<th>FLOCK NUMBER</th>
<th>DATE OF PURCHASE</th>
<th>PROJECTED SLAUGHTER/EGG PRODUCTION DATE</th>
<th>SOURCE, ADDRESS PHONE NUMBER</th>
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DAY OLD CHICKS: [ ] Not applicable [ ] No Changes

Describe your management plan for raising chicks (heating, space allowed, etc.):

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### SECTION 4: Poultry Feed and Feed Supplements

Organic standards require that certified organic poultry be fed 100% certified organic feed. Feed supplements should not contain non-organic protein sources or prohibited materials. Please save labels for the organic inspector.

A. FEED: Feed ration table: [ ] No Changes

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<th>LIST FEED RATION INGREDIENTS, PERCENT OF RATION, AND WHETHER ORGANIC (O), TRANSITIONAL (T), CONVENTIONAL (C) [EXAMPLE: CRACKED CORN, 40% (O)]</th>
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Pullets

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Roosters/Toms

Capons

Other

Do you raise any feed on your farm?  

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<th>TYPE OF PURCHASED FEED</th>
<th>QUANTITY PURCHASED/TO BE PURCHASED</th>
<th>DATES PURCHASED</th>
<th>SOURCE(S)</th>
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Do you process any feed (mix, grind, roast, extrude, etc.) on-farm?  

If yes, is the equipment also used to process conventional products?  

If yes, how is equipment cleaned prior to processing organic feed to prevent contamination?  

What is your plan for emergency feed supplies?  

B. FEED SUPPLEMENTS AND ADDITIVES:  

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<th>FEED SUPPLEMENT/ADDITIVE</th>
<th>SOURCE</th>
<th>SYNTHETIC INGREDIENTS YES (Y) OR NO (N)</th>
<th>GEO?* YES (Y) OR NO (N)</th>
<th>REASON FOR USE</th>
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*Organic standards require that no genetically engineered products (GEO’s) be used in organic production systems. Any supplements/additives that contain conventionally grown corn, soybeans, cotton products, etc., have the potential to be from genetically engineered sources unless the label specifically states such product is free of GEOs.

C. FEED STORAGE:

Describe your feed storage locations:

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<th>STORAGE ID#</th>
<th>TYPE OF FEED STORED</th>
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How do you control rodents in organic feed storage areas? □ No rodent problems

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How do you control insects in organic feed storage areas? □ No insect problems

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SECTION 5: Water

Water used for organic poultry must be potable and readily accessible. Water tests for coliform bacteria, nitrates and/or known contaminate may be required, if so paid by certifying agent.

What are your sources of water for poultry use?

□ on-site well  □ municipal  □ river/creek/pond  □ spring  □ other ________________________________

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What is the date of your last water test for coliform bacteria and nitrates? __________________________ (Attach copy, if required)

If you use additives in the water, describe them in the following table: □ No additives used
Describe any water contamination problems in your region.  
[ ] No contamination problems

If poultry have access to a river, creek, or pond, how do you prevent bank erosion?

SECTION 6: Housing

Organic standards require that poultry living conditions provide reasonable freedom of movement, lack of crowding, proper sanitation, fresh air, sunshine, and shelter. If animals eat the bedding, organic bedding may be required. Standards may also specify the minimum square footage per bird and maximum hours of artificial lighting allowed.

If your operation includes multiple poultry houses, attach a list showing each house, square footage, and number of organic poultry raised in each house.

[ ] No Changes

What type of housing do you use?

Describe sizes (length x width) and number of poultry per housing unit:

Describe ventilation systems you use:

Describe type(s) of bedding:
How often and how is housing cleaned out? 

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Name sanitation or cleaning products used and describe when they are used:_______________________________________

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What source(s) of light is used in poultry housing? _____________________________________________________________

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How many hours of artificial light are provided per day? _________________________________________________________

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Does each poultry flock have an outdoor run area? □ yes □ no

(Include these areas, showing adjoining land use, on your map, and complete Outdoor Access/Pasture History Sheet for each area.)

At what age are poultry allowed access to outdoors? ____________________________________________________________

How long are animals indoors (hours per day)? _____spring  _____summer  _____fall  _____winter

Is edible pasture provided in the outdoor run areas? □ yes □ no

SECTION 7: Health Management

Organic standards require a proactive health management program to prevent health problems and potential use of prohibited materials. If prohibited treatments are used, the treated animals and/or their products may not be sold as organic. Records must be kept of all treatments.

A. GENERAL INFORMATION:

Identify the general components of your animal health management program:

☐ breed selection  ☐ raise own replacement stock  ☐ isolation for purchased/diseased animals  ☐ culling

☐ vaccinations  ☐ good sanitation between flocks  ☐ access to outdoors  ☐ dry bedding

☐ good ventilation in housing  ☐ good quality feed  ☐ nutritional supplements  ☐ probiotics

☐ other:_____________________________________________________________________________________________

B. DISEASE/HEALTH PROBLEMS:

Describe health or disease problems in the last two years, including vaccinations applied at the hatchery and on-site:

☐ No problems
If you use any hormones, list and state reason for use:  

☐ Not used

If you use antibiotics, list in table above.  

☐ Not used

If you use parasiticides, list in table above.  

☐ Not used

If you use vaccinations, list in table above.  

☐ Not used

Name and phone number of your veterinarian:

C. FLY CONTROL:

☐ Not a problem

If flies are a problem in your operation, what do you do to prevent or control them?

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D. PARASITE CONTROL:

☐ Not a problem

If internal or external parasites are a problem in your operation, what are they and how do you prevent or control them? (List any products used in the table above.)

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E. PREDATOR CONTROL:

☐ No problems  ☐ No Changes

Check which predators you have problems with:  ☐ rodents  ☐ hawks  ☐ feral cats  ☐ raccoons/skunks, etc.  

☐ dogs  ☐ other

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<th>CONTROLS USED</th>
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If you use poison baits, list products in the table above.  

☐ None used

F. SURGICAL PRACTICES:

*Organic standards may prohibit some surgical practices, such as beak trimming or wing burning.*

Describe surgical practices you use:  

☐ Not used  ☐ No Changes

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**SECTION 8: Manure Management**

Organic standards require manure to be free of contaminants and be spread on fields when the soil is warm and biologically active. Composting manure is preferable.

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If manure from your poultry is used on your fields, describe how it is used:

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List ingredients/additives (example: bedding, inoculants, etc.)

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During what months do you apply manure/compost?

Describe your composting method(s):

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Estimated quantity of manure generated per year: ____________ tons

Acres/hectares of land available for manure application: ______________ acres/hectares
SECTION 9: Handling for Slaughter

Organic standards require that humane methods of handling be used for loading, unloading, holding and slaughter. Slaughter facilities must be certified.

If you slaughter your poultry, describe slaughter and meat processing procedures

Name, address, and phone number of facility where your animals are slaughtered: __________________________

Contact person __________________________ Is the facility certified organic? □ yes □ no By what agency? ____________

How are animals loaded?

How many animals are loaded per cage?

What form of transportation is used?

How long does transportation take?

Are animals provided with food in transit? □ yes □ no Water? □ yes □ no

How many hours from loading until time of slaughter?

Are organic animals kept separate from non-organic animals? □ yes □ no

Describe the method of slaughter and equipment used:

How is equipment cleaned before using? List products used.

SECTION 10: Egg Handling and Packing

Facilities that handle organic eggs must be inspected and certified to verify that organic integrity is maintained.

Name, address, and phone number of facility where eggs are washed, graded and packed: □ on-farm __________________________

Contact person __________________________ Is the facility certified organic? □ yes □ no By what agency? ____________

Do you or the facility have an egg handler’s license? □ yes □ no
SECTION 11: Animal Identification

Organic standards require flock identification for poultry. Separation and identification are required for those animals that have been treated with prohibited products.

Describe your flock identification system:

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If individual animals are treated with prohibited materials, how are they identified and/or segregated?

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If the entire flock is treated with prohibited materials, what changes do you make to insure that this flock is not sold as organic?

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SECTION 12: Recordkeeping

Organic standards require documentation of purchased animals and/or breeding records; purchased feed and feed supplements; health records; and sales/shipping records. Other records include water tests and label information from purchased feed/feed supplements. Please have your records available for review by the inspector.

Check types of records you keep:

☐ No Changes

☐ documentation of purchased animals  ☐ breeding  ☐ purchased feed/feed supplements  ☐ feed labels  ☐ feed storage
☐ flock health  ☐ dead bird counts  ☐ water usage  ☐ weight gain  ☐ sanitation records  ☐ sales
☐ slaughter  ☐ egg handling reports  ☐ shipping/transportation  ☐ other ______________________________

SECTION 13: Marketing

TYPE OF MARKETING:

☐ No Changes

☐ farmers market  ☐ direct to retail  ☐ CSA/subscription service  ☐ wholesale  ☐ on-farm retail
☐ wholesale to processor  ☐ contract to buyer  ☐ Other ______________________________

If you use the seal of the certification agency on organic product labels?  ☐ yes  ☐ no

(Attach examples of all organic product labels.)

SECTION 14: Certification Services

Rate services provided by this certification agency:

☐ excellent  ☐ satisfactory  ☐ needs improvement

Please comment __________________________________________________________________________________________
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SECTION 15: Affirmation

I affirm that all statements made in this application are true and correct. No prohibited products have been applied to any of my organically managed outdoor access areas for the last three years, nor to any animals I plan to sell as organic. I understand that my operation may be subject to unannounced inspection and/or sampling for residues at any time. I agree to follow organic standards.

Signature of Operator __________________________________________ Date ____________

I have attached the following additional documents:

☐ Maps of the operation (including outdoor access areas and showing adjoining land use and identification)

☐ Directions to farm/ranch

☐ Water test, if applicable

☐ Housing records (showing size and number of poultry housed per house)

☐ Organic product labels for your products (if applicable)

☐ Outdoor Access/Pasture History Sheet