

2021 ORGANIC SYSTEM PLAN (OSP) FOR CROP - HAY/PASTURE PRODUCTION

Instructions

- Complete this OSP if you are requesting organic hay/pasture certification
- Complete OSPs are required prior to inspection of each requested scope
- Pasture must be managed as a crop in full compliance with NOP §205.240
- OSPs submitted and received late may result in a Notice of Noncompliance

For office use only:

OSP Received On: _____ Entered Into Database On: _____ By (Initials): _____ Initial Cert. Date: _____	
Assigned To: Reviewer (Last name): _____ Primary Review Completed On: _____	
Inspector (Last name) _____ Inspector's Review Completed On: _____	
Inspection Completed On: _____ Director Reviewed On: _____ Initials: _____	
Request Form # _____ Documents Received On: _____ Initials: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> NA	
Database Updated On: _____ Initials: _____ Certificate Mailed On: _____ Initials: _____	
Date payment rec'd: _____ Amount: _____ Check #: _____ Cash: _____	

SECTION 1: General Information §205.201, §205.401

Farm Name: _____		Year first certified: _____	NHDAMF Cert #: _____
Owner/ Manager Name: _____		Name of Authorized Person who will be at the inspection: _____	
Mailing Address: _____			
Physical Address: <input type="checkbox"/> Same as mailing			
Best phone number: _____	Email: _____	Website: _____	

Organizational structure/legal status:

Sole Proprietorship
 Trust or non-profit
 Cooperative
 Legal Partnership (federal form 1065)
 LLC
 Corporation; list state of incorporation & name _____ Other-specify _____

Check those crops you grow and harvest for which you are seeking organic certification:

Hay
 Pasture
 Forages, type _____
 Grains, type _____

Request that inspection be performed on the same day as livestock inspection: Yes No If No, when? _____


Inspectors Change: Please provide **detailed** directions to your farm/production site from Concord, NH

SECTION 2: AFFIRMATION

Please read the following and sign below.

- ❖ I have a copy of the NHDAMF organic regulations and the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) regulations, with which I have read, understand and agree to follow for organic certification.
- ❖ This Organic System Plan has been completed to the best of my ability, with accurate and forthcoming information.
- ❖ I understand that acceptance of this Organic System Plan in no way implies granting of certification by NHDAMF.
- ❖ I will immediately notify NHDAMF of any change in my certified operation or portion of it that may affect its compliance with NHDAMF organic Rules and the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) Regulations
- ❖ I understand that the operation may be subject to unannounced inspections and/or sampling for residues at any time.
- ❖ I agree to submit applicable fees charged according to the fee schedule by NHDAMF.

My signature confirms that I have read, understand, and agree to the aforementioned statements

 _____
 Signature of Applicant/Authorized Representative _____
 Date

SECTION 3: ORGANIC CERTIFICATION HISTORY §205.662

List the name(s) of any certifying agent(s) other than NHDAMF to which an application has been previously made, and date(s) of application:

 Outcome of submission(s): _____

If you have received any notices of non-compliance or denial of certification, please attach these with a description of actions taken to correct non-compliance(s), including evidence of correction. Attached NA

NON-COMPLIANCES

Did you receive a Conditions of Continued Certification (CCC) letter from NHDAMF last year? Yes No

Did you receive a Notice of Non-compliance (NNC) from NHDAMF last year? Yes No

If yes, please describe CCC and/or NNC corrective actions implemented:

Note: Corrective actions along with any supporting documentation will be reviewed during inspection.

Section 4: Crop Production Overview §205.200 - §205.206

Check the box that describes your operation's production system: All organic Organic and non-organic production

Do you own all of the land for which you are requesting certification? Yes No

If No, you must submit a NHDAMF Landowner Statement for each leased/rented/used land area. Attached On file at NHDAMF

Are your landowner statement(s) up to date? Yes No

Any field or farm parcel from which harvested crops are intended to be sold, labeled, or represented as "organic", must be in accordance with **NOP Rule §205.202**

Land Information Table: State the first year that each field was used. If the size is less than ¼ acre, indicate in square footage

Field Location (Address)	Field #, ID or Name	Map #	Size= Acres or sq ft	Hay or Pasture	1 st Year	Organic	Transitional	Conventional	(X) Owned	(X) Leased	Owner's Name & Address

Landowner Information Maps:

Field maps are to be submitted for each parcel that is being certified under this OSP and are required to indicate the following:

1. Map numbers and identification of the parcel(s), location, size/acreage, year
2. "North" designation
3. For Pasture maps, the location of fences, areas of shade and drinking water location(s)/source(s)
4. Locations and dimensions of necessary buffer zones

Are all maps attached to this OSP? (required for first time certification) Yes No

Are all maps on file with NHDAMF up to date? (applicable for renewal certifications) Yes No

If No, are updated maps attached to this OSP? Yes No

Are there any fields/pastures transitioning to organic? Yes No

If Yes, field IDs and begin dates: _____

SECTION 5: Materials Use List: §205.203, §205.206, §205.600-606

- Not applicable - no materials used
- List all materials (except seed) you use, or plan to use
- Include fertilizers, soil amendments, weed, pest and disease controls, and cleaners

*** The use of allowed materials may be established by an EPA "For Organic Production" label, by the brand name listed on the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) or Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) List, Pennsylvania Certified Organic (PCO) List or a list maintained or recognized by your certifier. If the materials do not appear on one of these lists, you must obtain approval from your certifier by submitting a label or other documentation from the manufacturer which discloses all ingredients.*

Name of Material or Product Used	Brand/Manufacturer	Purpose/ Reason for Use	Restriction or Annotation	**How do you verify compliance for each product?	NHDAMF Review

NOTE: It is a state law that the use of any EPA Registered Pesticide requires that you obtain either, a Restricted Use Pesticide License, or a General Use Permit, from the NH Pesticide Control Division; telephone: (603) 271-3640.

Provide Pesticide License/Permit #: _____

SECTION 6: Soil Fertility and Crop Nutrient Management Practice Standard §205.203

1. Check the practices you use to monitor soil fertility in your fields and pastures:

- Soil Testing
 Observation of plant health
 Plant tissue testing
 Crop quality
 Soil observation
 Crop yields
 Other (please specify) _____

a) Describe the practices you use to manage soil fertility:

b) Describe your practices to manage soil pH, erosion and compaction:

c) Describe how often you implement these practices and explain how you know they're effective:

2. Was your soil tested in the last year? Yes No

If yes, soil test will be reviewed during inspection. Please describe any deficiencies indicated on your soil test:

3. Describe adjacent land use of each parcel and the reason for any established buffer zones:

4. Applied Materials Table:

Material Applied	Source of Material	Field ID(s)	Application Rate/Acre & Date

SECTION 7: Seed Practice Standards §205.204

1. Seeds, Treatments and Inoculants used in seeding hay fields, forages, grain or pastures:

- Not Applicable; no seeds planned for use
- Certified organic seed, purchased Non-organic, untreated seed, purchased Pelletized
- Inoculant Coating Fungicide Insecticide Other; specify _____

2. If non-organic seed is used, is documentation available to verify that;

- a) It is not a “genetically engineered” variety Yes No
- b) An organic equivalent variety is not available Yes No
- c) It is untreated or treated with an allowed substance Yes No

a) **Seed Verification Table:** Insert “ORG” for organic, “CON” for conventional

Company	Type	Variety	Treatment or “NA”	Organic Status

b) Describe your attempts to source organic seeds, how you verify that your seeds are not genetically modified (GMO), and explain how you assure that any pelletized or treated seed is compliant with the NOP.

SECTION 8: Weed, Pest and Disease Management §205.206

Describe your management practices to prevent crop pest, weeds and disease. Explain how you know your management practices are effective:

SECTION 9: Commingling and Contact with Prohibited Substances Prevention §205.272

- Confirm records, such as cleaning logs, verifying that steps have been taken to prevent contamination of an organic crop will be available during your inspection_____

Do you have contracted work done on your organic fields or pastures such as; planting, material application, harvesting and/or transportation, where off-farm equipment will be used or you loan/rent-out your equipment? Yes No

Do you operate your own equipment on property that is not certified organic? Yes No

If you answered yes to the above questions in this section, complete the farm equipment table below.

Farm Equipment Table: List equipment that is only used on non-certified land prior to use on certified parcels.

Equipment	Cleaning Log Kept Y/N

For equipment used on organic and conventional crops and for equipment used for custom work, explain the cleaning steps that are in place and how you verify that the equipment was cleaned prior to use on your organic parcels:

SECTION 10: Hay Production: Harvest, Transport and Storage

- Records regarding the harvest of organic crops produced on your farm must be kept, regardless of the responsible party
- If any hay is stored off farm, the secondary storage site must be visited at the time of the inspection

1. Who is responsible for harvesting organic crops? Self Custom contractor Other _____

a) Do you produce round or square bales? Round; average weight of bales= _____
 Square; average weight of bales= _____

b) Do you produce silage? Yes, amount _____ No

c) Do you produce baleage? Yes, amount _____ No

2. Who is responsible for transporting organic crops to a storage facility or off your farm?
 Self Custom contractor Other _____

a) Describe how organic crops are transported off your farm and/or storage facility NA

b) Confirm harvest records showing the number of round/square bales per field, harvest dates will be provided at inspection _____

c) If hay is sold, confirm sales records will be provided during the inspection for an audit trace back _____

3. Provide details of your storage areas by completing the following table:
 Confirm records showing quantity/date-in, quantity/date-out and remaining inventory balance will be provided at inspection _____

Crop	Onsite Location and Off-Site Address	Type of storage facility and Capacity		Organic Only: "Org" Organic & Conventional: "Both"

a) Describe how you ensure organic crops are not commingled with non-organic crops during storage: NA

b) Describe pest problems and management practices used in your storage facility: NA

c) Do you store any prohibited materials on the farm? Yes No

If Yes, what are the materials, how are they stored and how is contamination of the organic product prevented?

d) Source of bale twine and/or wrap used at harvesting: _____

PRODUCTION HISTORY: Enter the amount of hay produced over the past three years:

Year	Total Acreage	Amount of Hay Harvested	If a Significant Change From Year to Year, Why?

SECTION 11: Pasture Practices §205.240

****If pasture is not being certified, please skip to Question 6**

NA

1. What cultural and management practices do you use to ensure pasture of sufficient quality and quantity is available for all animals being certified?

2. What type of grazing methods do you use in your pasture system?

3. Describe your management practices to control erosion:

4. What types of systems, such as; riparian buffers, plantings, preserving native species, wildlife habitat, do you use on your land to maintain or improve biodiversity on your farm:

5. Check the source(s) of water on your farm:

NA

On-site well(s) River/Creek/Pond Municipal/County Spring Other; specify _____

a) Is water used for irrigation purposes?

Yes No

Type of irrigation? _____

b) Is water used as a source of drinking water for livestock?

Yes No NA

c) If livestock drinking water is sourced from a river/creek/pond, explain animal access to the water and how potential contamination of the water is prevented:

SECTION 12: Treated Lumber §205.206(f)

1. Is treated lumber used anywhere on your farm?

Yes No

a) If treated lumber is used, explain where it is located and how contact between the treated wood and soil, crops and livestock is avoided:

SECTION 13: Prevention of Commingling & Contamination of Organic Production §205.272(a)

- The handler of an organic handling operation must implement measures necessary to prevent the commingling of organic and nonorganic products and protect organic products from contact with prohibited substances

1. Do you have both organic and conventional hayfields and/or pastures on your farm? Yes No

a) If Yes, describe in detail, the management practices and physical barriers implemented throughout production/storage to minimize risks and prevent contact/commingling between organic and non-organic product, and prevent contamination of organic product with substances prohibited in organic production and handling.

SECTION 14: Recordkeeping §205.103

- Be maintained for 5 years beyond their creation
- Be sufficient to be able to trace back to the field/location where the product was grown and/or harvested

The following records must be maintained and will be reviewed at inspection. Check those that apply:

- Organic seed purchases
- Attempts to source organic seed
- Equipment cleaning record
- Harvest records
- Amendments/inputs
- Storage records
- Sales records
- Shipping records (scale ticket, bill of lading)

If a split/transitioning operation, the following records must be maintained for conventional production. NA

Check those that apply:

- Field maps
- Seed records
- Harvest records
- Shipping records
- Field history sheets
- Input records
- Storage records
- Sales records

SECTION 15: Marketing Information

1. Do you sell organic hay, forages or grains? Yes No, production is for on-farm use only

2. Do you buy in any organic hay, forages or grains? Yes No

a) Is the source certified organic? Yes No

b) Name of source and certifying agent; _____

c) Do you have a copy of their organic certificate? Yes No

d) Most recent invoice number and date; _____

3. Do you sell conventional hay, forages or grains? Yes No

SECTION 16: International Import and Export Activity

This section must be completed

For more information please visit <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/international-trade>
If this section does not apply, please initial here: _____

I. Import

1. From which countries do you or do plan to import any ingredients to be used in your product (s):

- Canada European Union Japan Republic of Korea Taiwan Switzerland
- Other(s): _____

Attach a copy of your procedures (SOP) to verify that imported organic products comply with the USDA organic regulations. Attached _____

List each product or substance intended to be imported, the source, and indicate the frequency of import:

II. Export

To which countries do you export or plan to export any products:

- Canada European Union Japan Republic of Korea Taiwan Switzerland
- Other(s): _____

Attach a copy of your process (SOP) to verify compliance with the terms of the arrangement with each applicable country to include, but not limited to, the required documentation with every shipment and product labels.
Attached _____

List all products intended for export, the country, and frequency of export: _____

Section 17: Attachments

Confirm you have attached the following documents _____

- Field Maps
- Landowner Statement, if applicable
- Materials Use List

Payment: \$205.400

Certification Fee:	\$100.00	
Inspection Fee:		Total acres of production to be certified _____ Refer to Table 911-1 to determine inspection fee and list in the box.
Total Fees Submitted:		Make Checks payable to: " <u>TREASURER, STATE OF NH</u> "

Table 911-1

Production Type	Fee	Fee	Fee	Fee	Fee	Fee
	\$50	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500
Agronomic crops, including hay & pasture; production # acres	50 or less	>50-100	>100-200	>200-300	>300-400	>400

Mail completed Organic System Plan, Attachments and Payment to:

NH Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food

Attn: Division of Regulatory Services

PO Box 2042

Concord, NH 03302-2042

If you should have any questions, please call Regulatory Services at (603) 271-3685