

OKLAHOMA ORGANIC SECTION

ORGANIC LIVESTOCK CERTIFICATION PROCESS

To Whom It May Concern:

Recently a request was made by your firm for information pertaining to obtaining a certificate as a Certified Organic Livestock Producer within the State of Oklahoma. We have enclosed a copy of the Oklahoma Organic Products Act, containing the National Organic Program Standards, the Livestock Producer Application Form, Certification Fee Schedule, and Fact Sheet. Please complete the Livestock Producer Application Form, Organic Crop Production Form, and return along with the proper certification fees.

Once the applications are received a review will be performed to make sure applications comply with establishing, implementing, and updating annually an organic livestock production plan to meet NOP Standards. If (OSP) applications comply, an inspector will be assigned to perform the on-site inspections, within a reasonable time. The inspection process will have an exit interview with owner or operations manager to discuss any non-compliance or operation strong points. All initial applicants may have their irrigation water or soil tested to establish a baseline or to find possible contamination with pesticides. Applicant will be required to maintain all records applicable to the organic operation for not less than 5 years. An applicant must notify the certifying agent of any applications that does not meet NOP Standards, including drift to any field or production site. Notify the agent of any changes in the certified livestock operation or any portion of a certified operation that may effect its compliance. The Oklahoma Organic Program Section Director, will do a final review once the operations crop and livestock applications are completed, on-site inspection report is completed, and any additional information for certification is received. If the Oklahoma Organic Program Section Director grants certification, a certified organic certificate will be issued.

If you need assistance or have any questions about any part of the Oklahoma Organic Products Act, please contact Bryan Buchwald, Organic Coordinator, at (405) 522-5924.