



# Pacific Agricultural Certification Society

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## Third-Party Service Declaration for Custom Grazing and Livestock Husbandry

This completed form is part of your Organic Plan. A copy of this document should be kept in your records.

**Form instructions:** This form can be completed on a computer, (save the form onto your hard drive before filling it in; to fill in, place cursor in grey boxes) or printed and completed with a black ink pen. DO NOT USE PENCIL. If you run out of room, attach another file or sheet of paper.

1. Identify the operations who contract your services of custom grazing and livestock husbandry:

Operation name	Type of Livestock (Dairy, Beef, Sheep)	Certification Body (CB)

2. Do you manage both organic and non-organic livestock on your operation? yes no – **explain:**

3. If both organic and non-organic livestock are onsite, how are animals identified in a manner that permits clear distinction between organic and non-organic animals? n/a **explain:**

4. Complete the following table for total pasture space available during the grazing season:

Animal	# of animals	Animal Units	Pasture space available	Space per animal unit
Cows or bulls	=	①	② <input type="checkbox"/> ac <input type="checkbox"/> ha	② ÷ ① =
Calves less than 225 lbs	÷ 5 =	①	② <input type="checkbox"/> ac <input type="checkbox"/> ha	② ÷ ① =
225 -500 lbs	÷ 2 =	①	② <input type="checkbox"/> ac <input type="checkbox"/> ha	② ÷ ① =
Ewes and lambs	÷ 4 =	①	② <input type="checkbox"/> ac <input type="checkbox"/> ha	② ÷ ① =
Does and kids	÷ 6 =	①	② <input type="checkbox"/> ac <input type="checkbox"/> ha	② ÷ ① =

5. Do you have a pasture and/or run rotation plan? yes no – **explain:**

**If yes,** provide details:

6. Is your rotation plan successful in avoiding pasture degradation and parasite build ups? yes no

**If no,** what plans do you have to improve the situation and what timeline is involved?

7. Do pastures and runs have shade available? yes no – **explain:**

8. Do you have water tested annually from the main livestock water source? yes no – **explain:**

9. Identify any feed, over and above the grassland used for grazing, provided to livestock while on-site:

Off-site Feed (hay, dairy ration, grain, silage, etc.)	Source	Organic Certifier	Organic Certificate attached?
			<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
			<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
			<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
			<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no

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10. Identify any feed additives or supplements such as vitamin and/or mineral premixes or other products identified in CAN/CGSB-32.311, Table 5.2 that are fed to livestock on-site:

Source/supplier	Name of product	Label and Ingredient list in records?	Reason for Use	Prohibited Substances absent?
		<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no – <i>explain:</i>
		<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no – <i>explain:</i>
		<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no – <i>explain:</i>

11. Identify any **phytotherapeutic medicines** (botanical compounds such as atropine or others from herbaceous plants) or **homeopathic products** that were administered to livestock in the past year:

Medication administered	Condition being treated	Animal treated	Animal owned by (operation)

Attach an extra sheet if more space is required.  **An extra sheet is attached.**

12. Identify any **veterinary biologics** (parasiticides or synthetic medications, given for therapeutic treatments, aside from vaccines) that were administered to livestock in the past year:

Medication administered	Condition being treated	Animal treated	Animal owned by (operation)

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13. Do you have written authorization from a veterinarian for the treatments listed above? yes no – *explain:*

14. When veterinary drugs are administered, a withholding period of **twice the label requirement OR 14 days, whichever is longer** must be observed before livestock products from treated animals may be considered organic.

Do your herd health records track the date of administration of a veterinary drug and the date of completion of the mandatory withholding period? yes no – *explain:*

15. Are sick or injured animals promptly treated, including minimizing their pain? yes no – *explain:*

16. Do you have a quarantine area where sick and medicated animals can be isolated from healthy livestock? yes no – *explain:*

17. Have you experienced any occasions where you had to quarantine or euthanize a diseased or injured animal to prevent health or safety risks to healthy individuals? no yes – *explain:*

18. Treatment with antibiotics and with veterinary drugs **not** listed in **Table 5.3** of **CAN/CGSB-32.311** eliminates organic status for slaughter animals in Canada.

Do you have a system in place to permanently identify and track treated meat animals and to ensure they are sold as conventional?  **not applicable** no yes – *explain your system in detail:*

19. Antibiotic treatment of dairy animals is allowed in Canada but eliminates the organic status of milk products from treated animals within the USA for the **lifetime** of the animal.

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Do you have a system in place to ensure that milk from treated animals is segregated from milk from **untreated** animals, and/or communication is in place with the operator who will be taking treated animals back onto their operation?

*n/a* – **not exporting milk to the USA**    no    yes – **explain your system in detail:**

20. Rather than withholding treatment to preserve organic status, have you experienced any circumstances where you were required to administer prohibited medications in order to restore an animal (group of animals) to health?  
 no    yes – **explain:**          What did you subsequently do with the treated animal(s)?
21. If a herd or individual animals suffer from any chronic health problem(s), what changes have you or will you implement to your livestock management plan to mitigate or eliminate the problem?  
 *n/a*
22. Products (including milk) from sick animals or from animals undergoing treatment with restricted substances may **not** be fed to organic livestock (including progeny). Explain exactly how you comply with this requirement.
23. What is your parasite prevention and management plan? (Check all that apply)
- Quarantine and faecal exams for all incoming stock
  - Adequate pasture rotation and good pasture management
  - Optimum stocking rates assessed to ensure maximal effect
  - Periodic faecal exams and culling seriously infected individual animals
  - Breeding for resistance
  - Biological control (if available) at susceptible stages of the lifecycle
  - Strategic use of parasiticides on breeding stock
  - Other (*specify*)
24. Describe your emergency plan (including its timeline) to deal with a parasite outbreak:  no    yes – **explain:**
25. Do you maintain accurate and current animal health records?  no    yes – **explain:**
26. Do you maintain a log book which identifies communication between you and the certified operators contracting your service?  no    yes – **explain:**

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## THIRD PARTY OPERATOR AFFIRMATION:

I affirm that all statements made in this application are true and correct. I agree to allow the Verification Officer and/or members of the Certification Committee and the COABC Accreditation Board auditors access to all areas of my enterprise through which the organic product(s) (including livestock) pass and to my records regarding the organic production, including but not limited to: inputs, production, processing, handling and transportation.

By initialing the following items, I affirm that I understand each point and that I accept each of the following conditions:

- I will provide any further information required by the Certification Body (CB) pertaining to the organic product(s) specified herein.
- I understand that acceptance of this document by the CB does not imply granting of organic certification to my enterprise for the scope of livestock production.
- I affirm that my enterprise does not take ownership of the livestock, which remain under control of the certified organic operator contracting my services of custom grazing and livestock husbandry.
- I affirm that a contract of service exists between the certified organic livestock operations contracting my services and my enterprise which sets out the terms of ownership, responsibility, obligations and requirements held by each party.
- I affirm that PACS has provided access to their website: [www.pacscertifiedorganic.ca](http://www.pacscertifiedorganic.ca) to download the current versions of the Canadian Organic Standards and Permitted Substances Lists and to the COABC website: [www.certifiedorganic.bc.ca](http://www.certifiedorganic.bc.ca) where the COABC standards are available.

I understand that this completed document is confidential information according to the policies of the BC Certified Organic Program Membership.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## VERIFICATION OFFICER AFFIRMATION:

All information on this and the accompanying report is accurate, to the best of my knowledge, and is based on my observations, review of documents and operator interview. All compliance assessments are made in reference to the Canadian **Organic Production Systems General Principles and Management Standards** and **Permitted Substances** Lists, the **Safe Food for Canadians Regulations** and the standards and policies of PACS, all as revised from time to time.

Information contained in this report is confidential between the Verification Officer, the inspected party, and the PACS. This report does not constitute certification or consultation, nor shall it be used for promotional purposes.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_