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Organic Milk Handling Plan (US NOP)

Name	Date	NASAA Reg# if applicable

SECTION 1: Assurance of Organic Integrity **NOP Rule 205.201(a), 205.270 and 205.272**

NOP Rule requires that handling practices and procedures present no contamination risk to organic products. Procedures used to maintain organic integrity must be documented.

A. PRODUCT FLOW

Describe your milk handling system. All equipment and storage areas must be identified. Flow-chart form is acceptable.

B. ORGANIC INTEGRITY

Are all dairy stock certified organic? Yes No

If no, describe how you separate conventional and organic milk

In rare events where it may be necessary to administer a non-permitted veterinary product to dairy stock or have to feed stock with non-NOP organic feed, how will you keep the milk from treated or conventionally fed animals separate from organic milk?

C. MONITORING

Do you have a Quality Assurance program in place? Yes No

If yes, what program do you use? ISO HACCP other (specify)

Are any outside quality assessment services used? Yes No

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E. TRANSPORTATION OF ORGANIC PRODUCTS

Outgoing Finished Product:

In what form are finished products dispatched?

How are outgoing products transported?

Do you arrange outgoing product transport?

Yes No

If you use transport companies, have they been notified of organic handling requirements?

Yes No

Are transport units used to carry nonorganic products or prohibited materials?

Yes No

If yes, how do you insure that outgoing transport units are cleaned prior to loading organic products?

Is the inspection/cleaning process documented?

Yes No

Are organic products shipped at the same time as nonorganic in the same transport units?

Yes No

If yes, detail steps taken to segregate organic products:

SECTION 2: Pest Management and Manure Management

NOP Rule 205.271

NOP Rule requires management practices to prevent pests, such as removal of pest habitat, food sources, and breeding areas, and prevention of access to handling facilities. Environmental factors, such as temperature, light, humidity, atmosphere, and air circulation, may be used to prevent pests. Pests may be controlled using mechanical or physical means, such as traps, light, or sound. Lures and repellents may be used if they do not contain prohibited substances or products produced using excluded methods (genetically engineered). If these measures are not effective, a synthetic substance not on the National List may be used provided NCO/NASAA approves use of the substance, method of application, and measures taken to prevent contact with ingredients or organic products. Use of pest control products must be documented and included as part of the Organic Handling Plan.

Attach a facility map showing the location of traps and monitors, and submit MSDS and/or label information for substances used for pest control, if applicable.

What type of pest management system do you use?

- in-house: name of responsible person
- contract pest control service: name, address, phone number

Check all pest problems you generally have:

- flying insects
- crawling insects
- rats
- mice
- spiders
- birds
- other (specify)

List all pest management practices you use:

Are records kept of your pest monitoring activities?

Yes No

Pesticide use information for the last 12 months:

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SUBSTANCE	TARGET PEST	LOCATION WHERE USED	METHOD OF APPLICATION	DATE OF LAST APPLICATION

Are records kept of all pesticide applications? Yes No
 If a pest control substance is used, list all measures taken to prevent contact with organic products, ingredients or packaging materials.

Are any substances used which are prohibited according to the National List? Yes No
 If yes, did you contact NCO/NASAA for prior approval before using? Yes No
 If prohibited pest control products were used, what measures are you taking or planning to take to prevent their use in the future?

Are there any substances intended for use which are not listed above? Yes No
 If yes, list substances intended for use:

MANURE MANAGEMENT

Describe your manure management program (eg, liquid system, composting, stockpiling) and if and how manure is re-used.

SECTION 3: Record Keeping **NOP Rule 205.103**

NOP Rule requires that records disclose all activities and transactions of the operation, be maintained for 5 years, and demonstrate compliance with the NOP Rule. All records must be accessible to the inspector.

Describe the records you keep for the milk handling side of the operation?*(note, if you have already covered this section in the organic farm plan questionnaire you do not have to answer this question).*

Describe your batch numbering system.

How long do you keep your records?

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SECTION 4 : Affirmation

NOP Rule 205.100, 205.400 and 205.401

I affirm that all statements made in this Organic Milk Handling Plan are true and correct. I agree to comply with the National Organic Program Rules and Regulations. I understand that the facility may be subject to unannounced inspection and/or organic products may be sampled and tested for residues at any time. I agree to provide further information as required by NASAA Certified Organic.

Signature of Owner/Manager _____

Date _____