

**OSP – Livestock Pasture Plan**

**GROWER'S NAME(S):**

**FARM NAME:**

**DATE :**

**NOP 205.240 – Pasture Practice Standard**

205.240 - The producer of an organic livestock operation must, for all ruminant livestock on the operation, demonstrate through auditable records in the organic system plan, a functioning management plan for pasture.

205.240(a) - Pasture must be managed as a crop in full compliance with §§205.202, 205.203(d) and (e), 205.204, and 205.206(b) through (f). Land used for the production of annual crops for ruminant grazing must be managed in full compliance with §§205.202 through 205.206. Irrigation shall be used, as needed, to promote pasture growth when the operation has irrigation available for use on pasture.

**205.240(a)**

All pasture is included in the farm Organic System Plan (OSP) and subsequent documents (Crop Plan, Crop Material Input Record)

Is irrigation available for pasture?  Yes  No

If yes, is irrigation used to promote pasture growth?  Yes  No Explain:

205.240(b) Producers must provide pasture in compliance with §205.239(a)(2) and manage pasture to comply with the requirements of: §205.237(c)(2), to annually provide a minimum of 30 percent of a ruminant's dry matter intake (DMI), on average, over the course of the grazing season(s); §205.238(a)(3), to minimize the occurrence and spread of diseases and parasites; and §205.239(e) to refrain from putting soil or water quality at risk.

**205.240(b)**

How many acres are designated exclusively for pasture?

What types of practices are used to manage pastures for continued production during the grazing season?

Mowing of weeds  Harvesting excess forage from spring pastures

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| <p><input type="checkbox"/> Frost seeding of pastures      <input type="checkbox"/> Grazing aftermath of hay fields</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dragging pastures to distribute manure      <input type="checkbox"/> Routine re-seeding and improvement</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> |
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205.240(c) A pasture plan must be included in the producer's organic system plan, and be updated annually in accordance with §205.406(a). The producer may resubmit the previous year's pasture plan when no change has occurred in the plan. The pasture plan may consist of a pasture/rangeland plan developed in cooperation with a Federal, State, or local conservation office: *Provided*, that, the submitted plan addresses all of the requirements of §205.240(c)(1) through (8). When a change to an approved pasture plan is contemplated, which may affect the operation's compliance with the Act or the regulations in this part, the producer shall seek the certifying agent's agreement on the change prior to implementation. The pasture plan shall include a description of the following:

**205.240(c)(1)** Describe the types of pasture provided to ensure that the feed requirements of §205.237 are being met.

**205.240(c)(2)** Describe cultural and management practices to be used to ensure pasture of a sufficient quality and quantity is available to graze throughout the grazing season and to provide all ruminants under the organic system plan, except exempted classes identified in §205.239(c)(1) through (3), with an average of not less than 30 percent of their dry matter intake from grazing throughout the grazing season.

**205.240(c)(3)** Describe the grazing season for your regional location:

**205.240(c)(4)** – Designate the location and size of pastures, including maps giving each pasture its own identification.

Maps attached

Field ID and acreage included on Crop Plan

**205.240(c)(5)** Describe the types of grazing methods to be used in the pasture system:

What kinds of pasture management practices are used?

Intensive rotational grazing       Rotational Grazing       Occasional rotation of

paddocks    Continuous grazing/no rotation of paddocks    Other

**205.240(c)(6)** Designate the location and types of fences, except for temporary fences, and the location and source of shade and the location and source of water.

Information included on maps

**205.240 (c)(7)** Describe the soil fertility and seeding systems:

**205.240(c)(8)** Describe erosion control and protection of natural wetlands and riparian areas practices:

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