WORKSHEET 2T.5

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Worksheet 2T.5: How Close Am I to Farming Organically, Livestock? (http://misadocuments.info/2T.5HowClosetoOrganicLivestock.pdf)

HOW CLOSE AM I TO FARMING ORGANICALLY, LIVESTOCK?

Complete this worksheet for each significant livestock enterprise in your current operation. Check the appropriate box to indicate if you are generally using conventional or organic management for each livestock system practice. Use the notes section to identify specific practices, inputs and equipment that you need to make the transition from conventional to organic management for each practice. Next, answer the livestock management questions listed. This is meant to provide a general snapshot of your current management status; the more check marks you have in the organic management column, the closer you are to becoming certified.

Livestock System Practice Area	Manage/Source Conventionally	Manage/Source Organically	Notes
Source of animals (e.g., young stock, replacements)			
Management of young stock			
Feed (Consider: Do you have farm-raised organic feed?)			
Feed supplements			
Outdoor access (non-ruminants)			
Pasture access (ruminants)			
Veterinary inputs			
Herd health (e.g., therapeutic versus sub-therapeutic use of antibiotics, hormones, dry-cow treatments, parasiticides)			
Fly control			
Housing			
Bedding			
Animal welfare (e.g., physical alterations such as tail docking)			

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1. Do you have enough pasture to satisfy NOP rules for a minimum of 120 days grazing and 30 percent dry matter intake during the grazing season?

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2. Do you maintain production records for this enterprise?

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3. Date of last application of a prohibited substance not allowed under organic certification (e.g., non-approved pesticides or synthetic fertilizers) or non-organic feed:

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NEED HELP ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS?

Check out the following publications:

Documentation Forms for Organic Crop and Livestock Producers. March 2011. Baier, A. USDA and ATTRA. https://attra.ncat.org/organic.html.

The Organic Farming Manual: A Comprehensive Guide to Starting and Running a Certified Organic Farm. March 2010. Hansen, A. L. Storey Publishing. www.storey.com.