Documentation Forms for Organic Livestock Producers

Ruminants: Temporary Confinement/Outdoor Access and/or Pasture Grazing Restriction Record

Use this form to record and describe the circumstances and reasons for temporary confinement of animals and/or the circumstances and reasons when ruminant animals are denied access to the outdoors and/or ability to graze. Indicate which animals are confined and the duration and place of confinement.

Circle One: Ruminant Non-ruminant Livestock

Date(s) and Length of Time	Animals (type/class or specific animal ID)	Location and Reason/Circumstances of Temporary Confinement

Reasons or circumstances under which temporary confinement may be allowed are described in NOP § 205.239(b)(1-8) and include: 1. Inclement weather (that could cause hardship to livestock); 2. Stage of life (describe); 3. Animal health, safety, or well-being; 4. Protection against risk to soil or water quality; 5. Preventive health care or treatment of illness or injury (describe specifics); 6. Sorting, shipping, or sales; 7. Breeding; and 8. Youth Projects.

Additionally, NOP § 205.239(c)(1-4) allow ruminant livestock to be denied access to pasture or outdoors for specific time frames for dry off, birthing, shearing, or milking: 1. One week off pasture at the end of a lactation for dry off and three weeks prior to and one week after birthing; 2. newborn dairy cattle for up to six months, provided comfort provisions are met as described; 3. short periods for shearing fiber animals; 4. daily for milking of dairy animals, provided they do not unduly limit grazing. Exceptions for finishing slaughter stock also are described in NOP § 205.239(d).