ORIGIN OF LIVESTOCK FINAL RULE

The Origin of Livestock (OOL) final rule revises the USDA organic regulations to clarify the one-time transition of dairy animals to organic production





WHAT DOES THE RULE DO?

- Describes how and when nonorganic dairy animals can be transitioned into organic production
- Harmonizes the market by ensuring all organic dairy producers use the same transition practices



HOW WILL THE RULE BENEFIT FARMERS?

- Ensures more consistent production and certification practices
- Promotes the ability to compete more fairly in the organic market

WHO IS AFFECTED?



Producers



Certifiers



Inspectors



Consumers

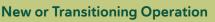


OOL IN PRACTICE

New or transitioning dairy operations may:

- (a) Purchase or raise organic animals, or
- (b) Transition nonorganic animals to organic production ONCE.









1x Transition per Operation





Once certification is complete:

- (a) The operation may only add animals that have been organically managed from the last third of gestation.
- (b) The operation cannot source transitioned animals from another operation.*

*Some small businesses may be granted limited exceptions by the AMS Administrator











Purchase or Raise

NO Purchase or Transition





(→) To learn more about the rule, please see AMS's website: <u>www.ams.usda.gov/organic</u>