

Grazing Agreement

Non-Organic Livestock Grazing In-Conversion or Symbol Land

(only applies to non-organic animals brought-in for grazing purposes)

This template must be completed and details retained in the Record Book if non-organic livestock are used to graze the symbol or in-conversion land during the current calendar year

Non organic animals may graze on an organic holding for a limited period of a maximum of 180 days each year, provided that they have been raised in an environmentally friendly way on land supported under Articles 70, 71, 72 and 73 of Regulation 2021/2115, and that they are not present at the same time as organic animals on that parcel, in accordance with the conditions outlined in paragraph 3.03.14 of the organic standards. All animal farm-to farm movement must comply with ERAD movement requirements as stated in the Explanatory Handbook for Cross Compliance Requirements <https://assets.gov.ie/68365/924f1679973f421da054dd4029785404.pdf>

Producers will be required in the first instance to source organic animals for grazing purposes. Where these are unavailable, the operator will be required to justify the grazing of non-organic animals.

The grazing of non-organic livestock on organic or in-conversion pasture is subject to the following conditions:

- a) The grazing is for pasture management or disease control purposes;
- b) The period does not exceed 180 days per calendar year;
- c) Such animals come from farming systems as defined in standard 3.03.13;
- d) Organic animals are not present on the same parcel at the same time;
- e) Withdrawal periods for medications must be observed as specified in section 3.12 of these standards;
- f) Such animals must be treated as specified in these standards whilst they remain on the land;
- g) Such animals and their by-products may not be sold as organic;
- h) Animals grazing organic/in-conversion land may not be fed any feedstuffs possibly containing genetically modified organisms or derivatives thereof whilst grazing this land;
- i) A grazing agreement is drawn up between the organic producer and the **owner** of the livestock stipulating the specific conditions pertaining to such grazing;
- j) Non-organic stock may not be purchased for the purpose of a grazing agreement.
- k) Non-organic stock grazing on an organic holding must not be of the same species as the organic livestock enterprise on that holding.

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Owner of the non-organic livestock:

Species of non-organic livestock:

(Cattle/Sheep/Pigs etc)

Number of livestock involved:

Date animals entered the organic holding:

Date animals left the organic holding:

I undertake to adhere to the conditions specified above in relation to the non-organic livestock grazing the symbol or in-conversion land;

Signed

Organic Trust Applicant

Date

Signed

Owner of non-organic livestock

Date