

PGS EVALUATION FOR ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

*If all questions greater than 0 points, eligible for FREE RANGE. If all questions greater than 0 points AND question 4.1 is 5 points, eligible for ORGANIC.
When evaluating a Producer Group, complete a form for each Individual Farm first. Then complete one Producer Group form for the group.
If an Individual Farm also has crops, complete the Crop Cultivation form as well.*

BASIC INFO

Date of Evaluation:

Name of Evaluator:

Type of Evaluation:

- ☐ Self-Assessment ☐ Internal Visit for Producer Group
☐ External Visit: Initial ☐ External Visit: Follow-Up ☐ External Visit: Renewal

Farm Name:

Farmer / Farm Manager Name:

Farm Location:

Purpose (select all that apply)

- ☐ Pets ☐ Manure ☐ Labor ☐ Milk ☐ Eggs ☐ Meat

Stocking Density

Type	Number Female	Number Male	Total Number	Indoor Area (m ²)	Outdoor Area (m ²)
<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken					
<input type="checkbox"/> Duck					
<input type="checkbox"/> Goose					
<input type="checkbox"/> Quail					
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey					
<input type="checkbox"/> Rabbit					
<input type="checkbox"/> Goat					
<input type="checkbox"/> Sheep					
<input type="checkbox"/> Pig					
<input type="checkbox"/> Cow					
<input type="checkbox"/> Buffalo					

	0 POINTS Standards Not Met	1 POINT ★	2 POINTS ★★	3 POINTS ★★★	4 POINTS ★★★★	5 POINTS ★★★★★	SCORE
1. RECORDS							
1.1	No activity records	Some basic records (e.g. animal count)	Records actively maintained (e.g. animal numbers, production)	Detailed records maintained (e.g. animal numbers, production, feeding habits, health)	Detailed records maintained & analyzed for patterns.	Detailed records maintained. Reports prepared & used to improve performance	
1.2	No financial records	Basic bills from farm purchases & sales maintained	Basic bills from farm purchases & sales maintained and entered in ledger	Detailed financial records maintained	Detailed financial records maintained & analyzed for patterns	Detailed financial records. Reports prepared & used to improve performance	

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2. BREEDS AND BREEDING							
2.1	Cloned animals or genetically engineered breeds are raised.	Only introduced commercial breeds are raised	Introduced commercial breeds and native crossed breeds are raised	Native crossed breeds and native breeds are raised	Only native breeds adapted to local conditions are raised	Only native breeds are raised with an active focus on maintaining genetic biodiversity.	
2.2	-	All animals purchased from conventional hatcheries or breeding facilities	Animals purchased from other producers following responsible practices	Animals bred on farm using non-natural techniques (incubation, artificial insemination)	Animals naturally bred on farm with limited maternal access.	Animals naturally bred on farm with full access to maternal care and natural weaning.	
3. ANIMAL WELFARE							
3.1	Animals have been mutilated (e.g. beak or wing cutting, branding, dehorning, nose ringing, ear notching). <i>Castration permitted with anesthesia</i>	No mutilation. Animals show signs of fighting and stress (e.g. feather pecking, cannibalism)	No mutilation. Special effort made to reduce heat stress and competition.	No mutilation. Special effort made to reduce heat stress and competition. Conflict prevented through observation and separation	-	-	
3.2	Animals are caged, enclosed, or isolated and unable to practice natural behavior	Animals can practice natural behavior (e.g. moving freely, foraging, grooming, dust-bathing, feeding in grass fields)	-	-	-	-	
3.3	Animals do not have access to drinking water at all times	Animals have access to drinking water that may become hot, stagnant, or dirty at times	Animals have access to clean, fresh drinking water at all times	-	-	-	
3.4	Animals do not have access to outdoor pasture with vegetation	Animals have access to outdoor pasture with vegetation at specific times	Animals have daily access to outdoor pasture with vegetation. Quality of pasture not considered	Animals have daily access to outdoor pasture with vegetation. Pasture improvements made.	Animals have daily access to outdoor pasture with vegetation. Pasture actively enhanced to meet nutritional requirements	Animals have daily access to fresh outdoor pasture. Land under rotational management system (e.g. movable electric fencing, chicken tractors)	

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3.5	Outdoor pasture area fully exposed and does not provide any protection from sun, rain, or predators	Outdoor pasture area has some shade or covered areas but not enough for stocking density	Outdoor pasture area has adequate shade or covered areas to provide protection for all animals	Outdoor pasture area has adequate shade or covered areas. Special measures taken to prevent predator attacks	Outdoor pasture area has adequate shade, covered areas, and predator protection, and enrichments to support natural behavior	Outdoor pasture area has adequate shade, covered areas, and predator protection, enrichments, and natural ecosystem characteristics	
3.6	Animals are kept in indoor housing that is inadequate for stocking density and animal health	Indoor housing provides adequate space for all animals to freely move and rest in a natural position. Cleaning, bedding or roosting facilities could be improved.	Indoor housing provides adequate space for all animals to freely move and rest in a natural position. Well maintained. Adequate cleaning, bedding or roosting facilities	-	-	Indoor housing provides adequate space for all animals to freely move and rest in a natural position. Well maintained. Urine and / or manure used for biogas or compost	<i>If no indoor housing, score = 1</i>
4. FEED AND HEALTH							
4.1	Feed ingredients unknown OR feed contains synthetic additives, growth promoters, GMOs, excrement, or byproducts from the same species	Feed purchased commercially but ingredients verifiable. No synthetic additives, growth promoters, GMOs, excrement, or byproducts from the same species	Feed produced on farm from purchased natural ingredients. Original source of ingredients unknown	Feed produced primarily on farm and supplemented with purchased materials from known suppliers that follow responsible practices	Feed produced primarily on farm. Farm follows organic practices. If necessary, supplemental materials purchased from known suppliers that follow responsible practices	All feed from a verifiably organic source that is under a SLAB accredited organic certificate or organic PGS	<i>If 5 stars, organic. If 1-4 stars, free range</i>
4.2	Animals have been given hormones, synthetic allopathic drugs, or prophylactic antibiotics	No hormones, synthetic allopathic drugs, or prophylactic antibiotics. Synthetic drugs and antibiotics have been used to treat sick or injured animals, but no milk, eggs, or meat sold from animals under treatment	-	-	-	No hormones, synthetic allopathic drugs, or prophylactic antibiotics. Animal health maintained through breed selection, balanced nutrition, living conditions, and natural medicine	

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5. TRANSPORT AND SLAUGHTER <i>(Only complete this section if meat is sold.)</i>							
5.1	Transport time exceeds 4 hours. No food or water provided during transport. Electric prods, synthetic drugs or tranquilizers used.	Transport time less than 4 hours. Food and water provided. Animals handled calmly and gently to minimize stress.	No transport. On farm slaughter.	-	-	-	
5.2	No special effort to minimize stress, pain, and suffering during slaughter. Living animals able to see, hear, or smell dying or dead animals	Special effort made to minimize stress, pain, and suffering. Living animals not able to see, hear or smell dying or dead animals. Animals handled calmly and gently.	Special effort made to minimize stress, pain, and suffering. Living animals not able to see, hear or smell dying or dead animals. Animals handled calmly and gently. Stunned before slaughter.	-	-	-	
TOTAL POINTS							

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY SCORES: NO MEAT		ANIMAL HUSBANDRY SCORES: WITH MEAT	
Corrective Action	0 points for any question	Corrective Action	0 points for any question
★	12 to 19 points	★	14 to 21 points
★★	20 to 27 points	★★	22 to 29 points
★★★	28 to 35 points	★★★	30 to 37 points
★★★★	36 to 43 points	★★★★	38 to 45 points
★★★★★	44 to 51 points	★★★★★	46 to 55 points

CONCLUSION

- ☐ Corrective Action
☐ Eligible for Free Range
☐ Eligible for Organic

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: