

MONTANA SUSTAINABLE GROWER'S UNION
HOMEGROWN QUESTIONNAIRE FOR NEW FARMERS (LIVESTOCK)
(Please feel free to write on the back, or use extra sheets of paper, if needed. This form can also be emailed to you.)

Farm Name:
Address (Physical)

Contact:
Phone:

Address (Mailing, if different)

Email/Fax

1. How long have you been farming?
2. Previously Certified Organic? If so, for how long?
3. What animals do you raise and what is the size of your herd (flock)?
4. Please describe what farm products are produced by your animals.
5. Are all of your animals Montana born and raised? If not, please explain.
6. Are all animals identified, so that their origin can be tracked?
7. How far are your animals transported for slaughter? How are they transported? How do you insure humane handling and transport?
8. Please describe your water source and how it is made available for your livestock.
9. Do your animals have access to the outdoors, sunlight, fresh air, shade, exercise areas, year-round? If not please explain reasons, length of time, and seasons they are confined.

10. Do your animals have access to pasture? How often?
11. Please list any fertilizers, herbicides or pesticides used on your pasture within the last year.
12. Do you grow your own feed? If yes, please list all feed crops and describe any fertilizers, herbicides or pesticides used on them.
13. If you purchase your feed, please list all feed sources and ingredients, including supplements and trace minerals.
14. Do you feed any urea, mammalian slaughter by-products, manure, mineral oil or plastic pellets for roughage? If so, explain.
15. Do you routinely use any synthetic parasiticides (i.e. Ivomec) in your operation? If yes, please describe.
16. Do you vaccinate your animals? If so, please list vaccines used and at what age they are administered?
17. Do you use any synthetic hormones in your operation? If so, explain.
18. Do you use any antibiotics in your operation? If yes, what kinds?
19. What kinds of medical problems do you routinely treat in your animals and how do you treat them?

20. Do you use insecticides on your animals? If yes, how long after use do you wait before slaughter?
21. What physical alterations (i.e. dehorning, castration, beak trimming) do you use and how do you minimize suffering for the animals?
22. Are your animals finished at a feedlot? Please describe.
23. Where do you sell your animal products?
24. The members of MSGU have made a commitment to abide by the Mission Statement and the Farmer's Pledge. We also agree to attend the twice yearly meetings and to participate in the annual farm visits. These are vital components of our organization. Can you make these commitments?

Signature: _____ Date: _____