



Poultry: Mentor-Producer Certification Checklist

Producer present: _____ Mentor: _____

Farm name: _____ Date of visit: _____

List crops, livestock, and products intended for certification:

- 1. Collaborate with the producer(s) to complete the following table (S.W.O.T. analysis). Objective: Evaluate the operation's current position for success relative to organic certification.

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS

- 2. It is recommended that the accompanying guidelines document is reviewed with the producer during the visit. This will ensure that the following checklist topics were addressed. Spend more time with the critical issues as identified in the SWOT analysis.



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3. The following checklist is to be completed by the mentor following the visit.

Objective: Explore and troubleshoot areas of high risk/concern. Identify areas for additional support and follow-up.

	Y	N	N/A
7 CFR §205.202 – Land requirements			
Does the land intended for use with certified poultry qualify for organic production?			
§205.236 – Origin of livestock			
Does the producer have a reliable source for poultry replacements?			
Does the producer have a record system to track the identity of poultry flocks?			
If producer is producing organic and non-organic poultry, does the record system clearly differentiate the groups?			
§205.237 – Livestock feed			
Will the producer be purchasing feed? If so, do they have a reliable source?			
If producer is producing organic and non-organic poultry, is there risk of co-mingling of organic and non-organic feed?			
Does the producer plan to feed refuse materials? (such as kitchen or garden scraps)			
§205.238 – Livestock health care			
Does the producer understand the basics of poultry needs for nourishment, reduction of stress, and resistance to disease and parasites?			
Does the producer plan to physically alter poultry?			
Does the producer understand regulations on parasiticide and antibiotic use?			
§205.239 – Livestock living conditions			
Does the producer understand the requirements for outdoor access?			
Do current facilities on the operations allow for routine outdoor access?			
If the producer will be using roughages for bedding, do they have a reliable source of certified roughages?			
Does producer understand regulations on treated wood?			
Does housing provide adequate protection from predators?			
§205.203 – Soil fertility and crop nutrient management			
Does the manure management system pose a risk of contamination to soil and/or water quality?			
Are there erosion or conservation issues on the farm?			
§205.605 – Egg washes			
Does the producer plan to use any egg washes? If yes, does the producer understand allowances for egg washing materials?			
§205.303 – Marketing and Labeling			
Does the producer plan to market livestock products in packages (eggs, meat products, etc)? If so, do they understand their certifier's requirements for labelling?			



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§205.102 – Slaughter			
Does the producer intend to market certified meat? If yes, do the producer's plans comply with state regulations and/or use a certified slaughter facility?			
§205.103 – Recordkeeping by certified operations			
Does the producer have a record keeping system that is "readily auditable" (accessible, organized, complete) as required?			
Does the producer have a record keeping system that allows a third party to trace management from birth/purchase to death/sales?			

Comments/Areas for additional support and follow-up:



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