

National Organic Program Handbook: Guidance and Instructions for Accredited Certifying Agents and Certified Operations

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<u>Pasture for Organic Ruminant Livestock: Understanding and Implementing the Organic Pasture Rule</u>	N/A	5/23/2011
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<u>Guide for Organic Crop Producers</u>	N/A	12/10/2012
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<u>CAP 138 Resource Inventory Supplement – Crop Production</u>	N/A	4/16/2015
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