# 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. What are you planning to certify as grass fed?

1. **Animal Types:**
   - [ ] Dairy Cows
   - [ ] Beef Cattle
   - [ ] Sheep
   - [ ] Goats

2. **Products:**
   - [ ] Milk
   - [ ] Meat
   - [ ] Processed Products
   - [ ] other:

B. How are you marketing your grass-fed products?

- [ ] No Marketing
- [ ] Direct Market / Retail
- [ ] Milk Company, list: [ ]
- [ ] other:

C. Indicate total acreage of pasture per grazing season available for your entire herd including acreage of grazed hay fields:

D. Describe approximately how long grazed areas are rested before returning animals for grazing:

E. Is temporary fencing used?  
   - [ ] Yes  
   - [ ] No

F. Check the types of forages used and list which groups of animals the forage is fed to for animals of all ages:

   - [ ] Haylage:
   - [ ] Baleage
   - [ ] Dry Hay:
   - [ ] Grain-Free Silage:
   - [ ] Sorghum/Sudangrass:
   - [ ] Alfalfa/Forage Pellets: (enticement only)
   - [ ] other:

G. List all supplements provided to animals of all ages: (must be approved by the office and indicated on your materials list)

   - [ ] salt
   - [ ] beet pulp
   - [ ] dry sugar
   - [ ] molasses
   - [ ] apple cider vinegar
   - [ ] kelp
   - [ ] citrus pulp
   - [ ] whole beets
   - [ ] brassicas/radishes
   - [ ] minerals/vitamins (grain-free)
   - [ ] other:

H. Describe your plan for increasing forage quality, soil mineral balancing and enhancing pasture health:

   - [ ] soil testing
   - [ ] diverse plantings
   - [ ] maintain soil coverage
   - [ ] forage testing
   - [ ] soil amendments
   - [ ] leaving longer stubble height
   - [ ] fallow periods
   - [ ] erosion prevention
   - [ ] intensive rotational grazing system
   - [ ] long rest periods

I. Do you or are you planning to feed sprouted grains/fodder sprouts?  
   - [ ] Yes  
   - [ ] No

1. If yes, at what time of the year and how much per animal?

2. Describe how you remove the roots before feeding:

J. Are you growing any grain crops or corn that you plan to harvest or graze in the vegetative state (corn in pre-tassel stage, soybeans prior to bloom, small and cereal grains prior to boot stage)?
1. If yes, how will you document and ensure that the crop is harvested/grazed in the vegetative state?
   - □ documenting graze dates
   - □ document planting/harvest records
   - □ reserving sample of crop harvested
   - □ photos documenting crop planting/harvest
   - □ other: 

K. Are you purchasing any forage made from grain/cereal plants?  □ Yes  □ No
   *If yes, be sure to obtain statement from seller on whether forage was harvested in vegetative state.*

L. Are you growing any grain crops on your farm to be harvested for grain?  □ Yes  □ No
   1. If yes, what will be done with the grain and how will it be kept separate from the grass fed animals?

M. What is your plan to ensure you are maintaining herd and soil health under grass fed management including complete nutrition/energy in diet without feeding grain?
   - □ high quality forage
   - □ pasture management
   - □ seeding/soil amending
   - □ soil testing
   - □ feed supplements
   - □ other:

   *Note: If grain or a grain by-product is needed to restore animal health this should not be withheld from an animal to maintain its grass fed status. If grain or grain by-products are fed to dairy animals they will need to be removed from the farm.*

N. What specialist(s) are you working with to ensure you are meeting the needs of animal and soil health?
   - □ agronomist
   - □ soil test lab
   - □ Cooperative Extension specialist
   - □ veterinarian
   - □ nutritionist
   - □ independent consultant
   - □ milk company specialist
   - □ Certified to a Third Party animal welfare program, indicate name and submit copy of certificate:
   - □ other:

O. If an animal designated for meat use is removed from grass fed organic certification, but remains in your herd, how will the animal be identified? (Dairy animal(s) removed from grass fed organic status may not remain on farm)
   - □ NA - Dairy animals only

2. PROCESSED PRODUCTS

A. Do you plan to package and label any processed products (meat or dairy) as grass fed?  □ Yes  □ No
   *IF PACKAGING/LABELING PROCESSED PRODUCTS AS GRASS FED, PLEASE COMPLETE THE BALANCE OF THIS SECTION*

B. List all products you intend to certify as grass fed:

C. Where are products labeled?  □ no labeling  □ on farm  □ by processing/slaughter facility

D. Will the "NOFA-NY 100% Grass Fed" logo be used?  □ Yes  □ No

E. Please submit new/updated sample labels for approval before printing. (Be sure to check with the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) to ensure your labels with grass fed claims are approved.)

F. Are you certifying any multi-ingredient grass fed products?  □ Yes  □ No
   *If yes, handling addendum OSP and product profiles will be needed. Contact the office for forms as needed. Be sure to obtain grass fed organic certificates for purchased ingredients as applicable.*

   1. Describe how purchased ingredients are verified as certified Grass Fed Organic:

G. Describe the tracking system, including lot number, which verifies Grass Fed Organic integrity/identity of the product throughout production:
H. Do you process/handle products that are not certified Grass Fed Organic?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

1. If yes, describe how commingling of Grass Fed Organic and non-grass fed organic products is prevented:

Please attach a detailed SOP explaining how commingling is prevented