

Current Temporary Variances



Temporary variances from the production and handling requirements of the USDA organic regulations may be granted by the Administrator for natural disasters declared by the Secretary, damage caused by severe weather, or other business interruption, or for the purpose of conducting research in organic production or handling. Procedures for requesting temporary variances are described in [NOP 2606: Processing Requests for Temporary Variances](#). 7 CFR Section 205.290 provides the full regulatory text regarding temporary variances.

The list of temporary variances that are currently in effect or that were denied are shown below. For a list of expired temporary variances, please visit <http://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic>.

2024 Allowed Temporary Variances

Company / Producer	Location	Date of AMS Decision	Effective Date	Expiration	Certifying Agent	Remarks
Edwin J Steiner dba Sunrise Dairy	Shiloh, Ohio	11/21/2024	11/21/2024	2024 grazing season	Quality Certification Services (QCS)	<p>The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) is based on drought and restricted to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies only to organic livestock producer Edwin J Steiner dba Sunrise Dairy in Shiloh, Ohio. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 25 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than 75 percent average of the ruminants’ dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2024 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 120 days during the 2024 grazing season

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Eagle View Dairy	Murtaugh, Idaho	10/21/2024	10/21/2024	2024 grazing season	Where Food Comes From Organic (WFCFO)	<p>The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.290(a)(2) is based on detections of H5N1 in the operation's dairy herd and restricted to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies only to organic livestock producer Eagle View Dairy, located in Murtaugh, Idaho. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 30 percent average dry matter intake from pasture for no more than 70 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2024 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 97 days during the 2024 grazing season.
Double Eagle Dairy	Murtaugh, Idaho	10/21/2024	10/21/2024	2024 grazing season	Where Food Comes From Organic (WFCFO)	<p>The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.290(a)(2) is based on detections of H5N1 in the operation's dairy herd and restricted to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Double Eagle Dairy, located in Murtaugh, Idaho. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 30 percent average dry matter intake from pasture for no more than 70 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2024 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 97 days during the 2024 grazing season.

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Nature Ridge Organic Dairy	American Falls, Idaho	10/16/2024	10/16/2024	2024 grazing season	Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA)	<p>The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.240(b) is based on detections of H5N1 in the operation's dairy herd and restricted to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Nature Ridge Organic Dairy, located in American Falls, Idaho. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 30 percent average dry matter intake from pasture for no more than 70 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2024 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 90 days during the 2024 grazing season.
Jim Riebli Dairy	Petaluma, California	10/10/2024	10/10/2024	2024 grazing season	CCOF Certification Services, LLC (CCOF)	<p>The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.240(b) is based on excessive rainfall and restricted to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Jim Riebli Dairy, located in Petaluma, California. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 20 percent average dry matter intake from pasture for no more than 80 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2024 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 90 days during the 2024 grazing season.

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Deniz Dairy	Petaluma, California	8/07/2024	8/07/2024	2024 grazing season	CCOF Certification Services, LLC (CCOF)	<p>The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.240(b) is based on excessive rainfall and restricted to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Deniz Dairy, located in Petaluma, California. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 30 percent average dry matter intake from pasture for no more than 70 percent average of the ruminant’s dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2024 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 100 days during the 2024 grazing season.
Valley View Dairy	Petaluma, California	8/07/2024	8/07/2024	2024 grazing season	CCOF Certification Services, LLC (CCOF)	<p>The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.240(b) is based on excessive rainfall and restricted to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Valley View Dairy, located in Petaluma, California. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 25 percent average dry matter intake from pasture for no more than 75 percent average of the ruminant’s dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2024 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 90 days during the 2024 grazing season.

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Mazzetta Dairy	Petaluma, California	8/07/2024	8/07/2024	2024 grazing season	CCOF Certification Services, LLC (CCOF)	<p>The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.240(b) is based on excessive rainfall and restricted to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Mazzetta Dairy, located in Petaluma, California. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 30 percent average dry matter intake from pasture for no more than 70 percent average of the ruminant’s dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2024 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 100 days during the 2024 grazing season.
Joseph Camozzi Dairy	Petaluma, California	8/07/2024	8/07/2024	2024 grazing season	CCOF Certification Services, LLC (CCOF)	<p>The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.240(b) is based on excessive rainfall and restricted to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Joseph Camozzi Dairy, located in Petaluma, California. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 25 percent average dry matter intake from pasture for no more than 75 percent average of the ruminant’s dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2024 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 110 days during the 2024 grazing season.

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Ronald Renati Dairy ETAL DBA Renati Dairy	Petaluma, California	8/07/2024	8/07/2024	2024 grazing season	Organic Certifiers (OC)	<p>The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.240(b) is based on excessive rainfall and restricted to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Ronald Renati Dairy ETAL DBA Renati Dairy, located in Petaluma, California. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 25 percent average dry matter intake from pasture for no more than 75 percent average of the ruminant’s dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2024 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 115 days during the 2024 grazing season.
Mike McCall Dairy	Petaluma, California	8/07/2024	8/07/2024	2024 grazing season	Organic Certifiers (OC)	<p>The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.240(b) is based on excessive rainfall and restricted to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Mike McCall Dairy, located in Petaluma, California. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 25 percent average dry matter intake from pasture for no more than 75 percent average of the ruminant’s dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2024 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 90 days during the 2024 grazing season.

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Neil Mclsaac and Son Dairy	Petaluma, California	6/03/2024	6/03/2024	2024 grazing season	Marin Organic Certified Agriculture (MOCA)	<p>The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.240(b) is based on excessive rainfall and restricted to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Neil Mclsaac and Son Dairy, located in Petaluma, California. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 30 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than 70 percent average of the ruminant’s dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2024 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 90 days during the 2024 grazing season.

2024 Denied Requests for Temporary Variances

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This table is updated when AMS Administrator decisions are issued.