

Expired 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 were previously approved or denied is listed below. For a list of temporary variances currently in effect, please visit <http://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic>.

Allowed Temporary Variances (Expired)

Company / Producer	Location	Date of AMS Decision	Effective Date	Expiration	Certifying Agent	Remarks
Certified ruminant livestock producers in the State of Vermont	Vermont	12/18/2025	12/18/2025	2025 grazing season	Vermont Organic Farmers (VOF)	The temporary variance from 7 CFR 205.237(c)(1) and 205.240(b) is restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic ruminant livestock producers located in Addison County, Bennington County, Caledonia County, Chittenden County, Lamoille County, Orange County, Orleans County, Rutland County, Washington County and Windham County, Vermont. • 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 2025 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 90 days during the 2025 grazing season.
Travis Moreda dba Travis Moreda Dairy	Petaluma, California	08/18/2025	08/18/2025	2025 grazing season	Quality Assurance	The temporary variance from 7 CFR 205.237(c)(1) and 205.240(b) is restricted to the following:

					International (QAI)	• Applies only to organic livestock producer, Travis Moreda dba Travis Moreda Dairy, located in Petaluma, California. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 25 percent average dry matter intake from pasture or no more than 75 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2025 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 100 days during the 2025 grazing season.
Edwin J Steiner dba Sunrise Dairy	Shiloh, Ohio	11/21/2024	11/21/2024	2024 grazing season	Quality Certification Services (QCS)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) is based on drought and restricted to the following: • 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.
Eagle View Dairy	Murtaugh, Idaho	10/21/2024	10/21/2024	2024 grazing season	Where Food Comes From Organic (WFCFO)	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: • 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)	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: • 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.
Nature Ridge Organic Dairy	American Falls, Idaho	10/16/2024	10/16/2024	2024 grazing season	Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA)	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: • 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)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.240(b) is based on excessive rainfall and restricted to the following: • 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.
Deniz Dairy	Petaluma, California	8/07/2024	8/07/2024	2024 grazing season	CCOF Certification Services, LLC (CCOF)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.240(b) is based on excessive rainfall and restricted to the following: - 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)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.240(b) is based on excessive rainfall and restricted to the following: - 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.
Mazzetta Dairy	Petaluma, California	8/07/2024	8/07/2024	2024 grazing season	CCOF Certification Services, LLC (CCOF)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.240(b) is based on excessive rainfall and restricted to the following: 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)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.240(b) is based on excessive rainfall and restricted to the following: • 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.
Ronald Renati Dairy ETAL DBA Renati Dairy	Petaluma, California	8/07/2024	8/07/2024	2024 grazing season	Organic Certifiers (OC)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.240(b) is based on excessive rainfall and restricted to the following: • 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)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.240(b) is based on excessive rainfall and restricted to the following: • 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.
Neil McIsaac and Son Dairy	Petaluma, California	6/03/2024	6/03/2024	2024 grazing season	Marin Organic Certified Agriculture (MOCA)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.240(b) is based on excessive rainfall and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Neil McIsaac 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.
Lambright Farm	Mason County, Michigan	9/11/2023	9/11/2023	2023 grazing season	Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on drought and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Neil McIsaac and Son 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. • Dairy cows and dry cows must be provided with at least 15 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than 85 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed during the 2023 grazing season. • All other classes of 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 2023 grazing season.
Windy Ridge, LLC	Klamath County, Oregon	9/05/2023	9/05/2023	2023 grazing season	Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on pasture damage by an exceptional grasshopper infestation and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Windy Ridge, LLC located in Klamath County, Oregon. • Bred heifers ages 16-23 months must be grazed on pasture for a minimum of 92 days during the 2023 grazing season. • All other classes of ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 120 days. • 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 2023 grazing season.
Bonanza View Dairy, Inc	Klamath County, Oregon	9/05/2023	9/05/2023	2023 grazing season	Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on pasture damage by an exceptional grasshopper infestation and restricted to the following:

						• Applies only to organic livestock producer, Bonanza View Dairy, Inc located in Klamath County, Oregon. • Bred heifers ages 16-23 months must be grazed on pasture for a minimum of 92 days during the 2023 grazing season. • All other classes of ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 120 days. • 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 2023 grazing season.
Certified ruminant livestock producers in the State of Vermont	Vermont	8/16/2023	8/16/2023	2023 grazing season	Vermont Organic Farmers (VOF)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.240(b) is based on excessive rainfall and catastrophic flooding and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producers located in Vermont. • 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 2023 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 45 days during the 2023 grazing season.

Echo Dell Organic Farm	Kalona, Iowa	8/3/2023	8/3/2023	2023 grazing season	Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on drought and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Echo Dell Organic Farm LLC, located in Kalona, Iowa. • Lactating animals must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 100 days during the 2023 grazing season. • All other classes of ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 120 days during the 2023 grazing season. • 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 2023 grazing season.
Fagerberg Produce, Inc.	Eaton, Colorado	7/27/2023	7/27/2023	2023 growing season	Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA)	The temporary variance from §205.204(a)(3) is based on hail damage and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic crop producer, Fagerberg Produce, Inc. in Eaton, Colorado. • Fagerberg Produce, Inc. may use nonorganic, untreated, non-GMO annual seedlings to replant onion crop damaged by the hail.
Certified organic ruminant livestock producers in Marin County and Sonoma County, California	Marin County and Sonoma County, California	6/28/2023	6/28/2023	2023 grazing season only	Those that certify operations in Marin County and Sonoma County, California	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.240(b) is based on excessive precipitation and flooding resulting from the severe winter storms and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic ruminant livestock producers located in Marin County and Sonoma County, California who have not already been granted a temporary variance for the 2023 grazing season. • All ruminants and classes of animals 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 2023 grazing season. All ruminants and classes of animals must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 80 days during the 2023 grazing season.
Mazzetta Dairy	Petaluma, California	5/8/2023	5/8/2023	2023 grazing season only	CCOF Certification Services, LLC (CCOF)	The temporary variance from 7 CFR Part §205.237(c)(1) and §205.240(b) is based on excessive precipitation and flooding, and is restricted to the following: - Applies only to organic livestock producer Mazzetta Dairy 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 2023 grazing season. - Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 60 days during the 2023 grazing season.
Ohio State University Organic Food and Farming Education and Research (OFFER) Program	2 Sites: Wooster, Ohio and Bowling Green, Ohio	7/14/2020	7/14/2020	11/30/2023	Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association (OEFFA)	The temporary variance from §205.203(d)(1) is for research purposes and restricted to the following: - The use of micronutrients on the National List of allowed synthetic substances at §205.601(j)(6) without documentation of deficiencies from soil testing. - The variance only covers OFFER field WB1101.

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Highland Dairy	Dietrich, Idaho	8/1/2022	8/1/2022	2022 grazing season only	Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on drought and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer Highland Dairy located in Dietrich, Idaho. • Milk cows and dry cows 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 2022 grazing season. • Milk cows and dry cows must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 90 days during the 2022 grazing season.
C&C Cattle Co. LLC	Brush, Colorado	7/25/2022	7/25/2022	2022 grazing season only	Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on drought and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer C&C Cattle Co. LLC in Brush, Colorado. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 20 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than 80 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2022 grazing season. • All ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 70 days during the 2022 grazing season.

Lone Star Dairy, LLC	La Jara, Colorado	7/8/2022	7/8/2022	2022 grazing season only	Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on drought and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer Lone Star Dairy, LLC in La Jara, Colorado. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 20 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than 80 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2022 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 80 days during the 2022 grazing season.
Eagle View Dairy	Cassia County, Idaho	6/30/2022	6/30/2022	2022 grazing season only	Where Food Comes From Organic (WFCFO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on drought and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer Eagle View Dairy, in Cassia County, Idaho. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 20 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than 80 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2022 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 90 days during the 2022 grazing season.

Double Eagle Dairy	Cassia County, Idaho	6/30/2022	6/30/2022	2022 grazing season only	Where Food Comes From Organic (WFCFO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on drought and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer Double Eagle Dairy, in Cassia County, Idaho. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 20 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than 80 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2022 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 90 days during the 2022 grazing season.
Aurora Organic Farms - Pepper	Dublin, Texas	6/21/2022	6/21/2022	2022 grazing season only	Quality Assurance International (QAI) and Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on drought and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer Aurora Organic Farms - Pepper in Dublin, Texas. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 20 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than 80 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2022 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 90 days during the 2022 grazing season.

Aurora Organic Farms - Coldwater	Stratford, Texas	6/21/2022	6/21/2022	2022 grazing season only	Quality Assurance International (QAI) and Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on drought and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer Aurora Organic Farms - Coldwater in Stratford, Texas. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 20 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than 80 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2022 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 90 days during the 2022 grazing season.
Aurora Organic Farms - High Plains	Gill, Colorado	6/21/2022	6/21/2022	2022 grazing season only	Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) and Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on drought and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producers Aurora Organic Farms - High Plains in Gill, Colorado. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 20 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than 80 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2022 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 90 days during the 2022 grazing season.

Aurora Organic Farms - Platteville	Platteville, Colorado	6/21/2022	6/21/2022	2022 grazing season only	Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) and Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on severe drought and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer Aurora Organic Farms - Platteville in Platteville, Colorado. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 20 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than 80 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2022 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 90 days during the 2022 grazing season.
Magic Valley Organic Dairy LLC	Gooding County, Idaho	6/14/2022	6/14/2022	2022 grazing season only	Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on severe drought and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Magic Valley Organic Dairy LLC, in Gooding County, Idaho. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 20 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than 80 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2022 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 100 days during the 2022 grazing season.

Turner Dairy, Inc.	Gooding County, Idaho	6/14/2022	6/14/2022	2022 grazing season only	Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on severe drought and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Turner Dairy Inc, in Gooding County, Idaho. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 20 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than 80 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2022 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 100 days during the 2022 grazing season.
Poland Organic Dairy LLC	Madras, Oregon	6/14/2022	6/14/2022	2022 grazing season only	Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on severe drought and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Poland Organic Dairy LLC, in Madras, Oregon. • 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 2022 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 100 days during the 2022 grazing season.

Harmony Organic Dairy, LLC	Jerome and Twin Falls, Idaho	6/14/2022	6/14/2022	2022 grazing season only	Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on drought and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Harmony Organic Dairy, LLC, in Jerome and Twin Falls, Idaho. • Six to fifteen-month-old heifers must be provided with at least 20 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than 80 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2022 grazing season. • All other classes of 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 2022 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 80 days during the 2022 grazing season.
Sunrise Organic Dairy, LLC	Paul, Idaho	6/14/2022	6/14/2022	2022 grazing season only	Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on severe drought and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Sunrise Organic Dairy, LLC, in Paul, Idaho. • 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 2022 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 80 days during the 2022 grazing season.

DeBernardi Dairy, Inc.	Petaluma, California	4/26/2022	4/26/2022	2022 grazing season only	Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on severe drought and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer, DeBernardi Dairy, Inc., in Petaluma, California. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 25 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than 75 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2022 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 120 days during the 2022 grazing season.
Gillian's Dairy	Petaluma, California	4/12/2022	4/12/2022	2022 grazing season only	Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on severe drought and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Gillian's Dairy, 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 2022 grazing season. • Lactating cows must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 90 days during the 2022 grazing season.

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Certified organic ruminant livestock producers in various counties in Idaho	Counties in Idaho declared as primary or contiguous drought disaster areas by Secretary Vilsack in calendar year 2021	9/2/2021	9/2/2021	2021 grazing season only	Those that certify operations in counties in Idaho designated as primary or contiguous drought disaster areas by Secretary Vilsack.	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is in effect for the 2021 grazing season, based on drought and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic ruminant livestock producers located in Idaho who have not been granted a temporary variance for the 2021 grazing season. • All ruminants and classes of animals must be provided with at least 20 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than 80 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2021 grazing season. • All ruminants and classes of animals must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 80 days during the 2021 grazing season.
Sandy Plains Farm LLC	Stearns County, Minnesota	8/31/2021	8/31/2021	2021 grazing season only	Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on drought and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Sandy Plains Farm LLC in Stearns County, Minnesota. • Steers 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 2021 grazing season. • Steers must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 50 days during the 2021 grazing season.

Highland Dairy	Lincoln County, Idaho	8/10/2021	8/10/2021	2021 grazing season only	Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on drought and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Highland Dairy in Lincoln County, Idaho. • Milk cows and dry cows 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 2021 grazing season. • Milk cows and dry cows must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 80 days during the 2021 grazing season.
Double Eagle Dairy	Cassia County, Idaho	7/26/2021	7/26/2021	2021 grazing season only	Where Food Comes From Organic (WFCFO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on drought and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Double Eagle Dairy in Cassia County, Idaho. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 20 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than 80 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2021 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 90 days during the 2021 grazing season.
Eagle View Dairy	Cassia County, Idaho	7/26/2021	7/26/2021	2021 grazing season only	Where Food Comes From Organic (WFCFO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on drought and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Eagle View Dairy in Cassia County, Idaho. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 20 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than 80 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2021 grazing season.

						Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 90 days during the 2021 grazing season.
Magic Valley Organic Dairy LLC	Gooding County, Idaho	6/29/2021	6/29/2021	2021 grazing season only	Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on drought and restricted to the following: - Applies only to organic livestock producer, Magic Valley Organic Dairy LLC in Gooding County, Idaho. - Ruminants must be provided with at least 20 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than 80 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2021 grazing season. - Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 100 days during the 2021 grazing season.
Turner Dairy, Inc.	Gooding County, Idaho	6/29/2021	6/29/2021	2021 grazing season only	Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on drought and restricted to the following: - Applies only to organic livestock producer, Turner Dairy, Inc. in Gooding County, Idaho. - Ruminants must be provided with at least 20 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than 80 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2021 grazing season. - Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 100 days during the 2021 grazing season.
Certified Organic Ruminant Livestock Producers in California and Oregon	Counties in California and Oregon designated as primary or contiguous drought disaster areas	6/21/2021	6/21/2021	2021 grazing season only	Those that certify operations in counties in California and Oregon designated as primary or contiguous	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on severe drought and restricted to the following: Applies only to certified organic ruminant livestock producers located in counties in California and Oregon designated as primary or contiguous natural disaster areas by Secretary Vilsack. The list of declared State counties is available on USDA's website for Disaster Designation Information.

	by Secretary Vilsack in calendar year 2021				drought disaster areas by Secretary Vilsack	- All ruminants and classes of animals must be provided with at least 20 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than 80 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2021 grazing season. - All ruminants and classes of animals must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 90 days during the 2021 grazing season.
Gillian's Dairy	Petaluma, California	4/19/2021	4/19/2021	2021 grazing season only	Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on severe drought and restricted to the following: - Applies only to organic livestock producer, Gillian's Dairy, 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 2021 grazing season. - Lactating cows must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 75 days during the 2021 grazing season.
Blake's Landing Farm	Marshall, California	3/24/2021	1/1/2021	12/31/2021	Marin Organic Certified Agriculture (MOCA)	The temporary variance from §205.237(a) is for research purposes and restricted to the following: - Applies to the organic livestock producer, Blake's Landing Farm, located in Marshall, California. - No more than 45 of the operation's certified organic cows. - The operation may feed its certified organic cows non-organic <i>Asparagopsis taxiformis</i> for a period that must not exceed 60 days.

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Certified organic ruminant livestock producers in various counties in Maine	Maine	11/9/2020	11/9/2020	2020 grazing season only	MOFGA Certification Services, LLC (MCS)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is due to drought conditions and restricted to the following: • Applies only to certified organic ruminant livestock producers in the following counties of Maine: Androscoggin, Aroostook, Cumberland, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Sagadahoc, Somerset, Waldo, Washington, and York. • Applies to non-irrigated pastures only. • 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 2020 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 90 days during the 2020 grazing season.
Certified organic ruminant livestock producers in various counties in New Hampshire	New Hampshire	11/9/2020	11/9/2020	2020 grazing season only	New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food (NHDAMF)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c) is due to drought conditions and restricted to the following: • Applies only to certified organic ruminant livestock producers in the following counties of New Hampshire: Belknap, Carroll, Cheshire, Coos, Grafton, Hillsborough, Merrimack, Rockingham, Strafford, and Sullivan. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 15 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than 85 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2020 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 90 days during the 2020 grazing season.

Mikita Dairy	Calhan, El Paso County, Colorado	8/4/2020	8/4/2020	2020 grazing season only	Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is due to drought conditions and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Mikita Dairy, in El Paso County, Colorado. • 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 2020 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 65 days during the 2020 grazing season.
Prosper Farms Investments, LLC	Washington County, Colorado, with grazing sites in Kiowa and Lincoln Counties	7/22/2020	7/22/2020	2020 grazing season only	CCOF Certification Services, LLC (CCOF)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c) and §205.240(b) is due to drought conditions and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Prosper Farms Investments LLC, in Washington County, Colorado, with grazing sites also located in Kiowa and Lincoln Counties. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 20 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than 80 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2020 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 90 days during the 2020 grazing season.
Gillian's Dairy	Petaluma, California	6/1/2020	6/1/2020	2020 grazing season only	Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c)(1) and §205.239(a)(2) is based on severe drought and restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Gillian's Dairy, 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 feed, during the 2020 grazing season.

						Lactating cows must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 100 days during the 2020 grazing season.
Blake's Landing Farm	Marshall, California	1/16/2020	1/16/2020	12/31/2020	Marin Organic Certified Agriculture (MOCA)	The temporary variance from §205.237(a) is for research purposes and restricted to the following: - Applies only to the organic livestock producer, Blake's Landing Farm, in Marshall, California. - No more than 45 of the operation's certified organic cows. - The operation may feed its certified organic cows non-organic <i>Asparagopsis taxiformis</i> for a period that must not exceed 60 days.

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Echo Dell Organic Farm	Kalona, Iowa	9/23/2019	9/23/2019	2019 grazing season only	Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c) and §205.240(b) is restricted to the following: • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Echo Dell Organic Farm, in Kalona, Iowa. • 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 2019 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 90 days during the 2019 grazing season.
Cottonwood Cattle Company	Dalhart, Texas	5/20/2019	6/1/2019	9/30/2019	Quality Certification Services (QCS)	Temporary variance from § 205.237(c) and § 205.240(b), restricted to: • Applies only to the 2019 grazing season • Applies only to Cottonwood Cattle Company's operations in Dallam and Dalhart counties in Texas.
Ohio State University's Organic Food and Farming Education and Research (OFFER)	2 Sites: Wooster, Ohio and Bowling Green, Ohio	07/25/2016	07/25/2016	09/30/2019	Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association (OEFFA)	The temporary variance from § 205.203(d)(1) is for research purposes and restricted to: • The use of micronutrients on the National List of allowed synthetic substances at §205.601(j)(6) without documentation of deficiencies from soil testing. • The variance will only cover OARDC OFFER fields EB701 and WB1101; and Hirzel Site fields SP1, SP2, and SP3.

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Mikita Dairy	Calhan, Colorado	07/30/2018	07/30/2018	2018 grazing season only	Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)	The temporary variance from §§205.237(c) and 205.240(b) is restricted to: • Applies only to organic livestock producer, Mikita Dairy, in Calhan, Colorado. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 10 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than 90 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2018 grazing season. • Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 60 days during the 2018 grazing season.
Corsentino Dairy	Walsenburg, Colorado	07/30/2018	05/01/2018	09/01/2018	Ecocert ICO (ECO ICO)	The temporary variance from §205.237(c) is restricted to: • Applies only to the organic livestock producer Corsentino Dairy in Walsenburg, Colorado. • Ruminants must be provided with at least 10 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than a 90 percent average of the ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the time period of the temporary variance.
Certified Organic Ruminant Livestock Producers in Colorado	Counties in Colorado declared as primary or contiguous drought disaster areas by Secretary Perdue in calendar year 2018	07/10/2018	07/10/2018	2018 grazing season only	CCOF Certification Services, LLC (CCOF)	The temporary variance from §§205.237(c) and 205.240 is restricted to: • Certified organic ruminant livestock producers located in the following counties in Colorado: Alamosa, Cheyenne, Gunnison, Kiowa, Lincoln, Montrose, Rio Grande, Saguache, Kit Carson, and Washington. • Producers must provide ruminants with at least 20 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than an 80 percent average of the ruminants' dry matter demand from dry matter fed, during the 2018 grazing season.

						Ruminants must be grazed on pasture for no less than 90 days during the 2018 grazing season.
Hearty Roots Community Farms Ltd.	Germantown, New York	06/04/2018	06/04/2018	2018 growing season only	NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC (NOFA-NY)	The temporary variance from the requirements in §205.204(a)(3) of the USDA organic regulations has the following restrictions: - Applies to the organic producer, Hearty Roots Community Farms Ltd., in Germantown, NY. - Hearty Roots Community Farms Ltd. may plant non-organic, untreated, non-GMO bare root leek and onion seedlings for the 2018 leek and onion crop.

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Minnesota Food Association (Big River Farms)	Marine on St. Croix, Minnesota	08/10/2017	08/10/2017	2017 growing season only	Minnesota Crop Improvement Association (MCIA)	The temporary variance from the requirements in §205.204(a)(1) of the USDA organic regulations has the following restrictions: • Applies to the organic producer, Minnesota Food Association (Big River Farms), in Marine on St. Croix, MN. • Minnesota Food Association may plant nonorganic tomato seedlings from untreated seeds for 2017 tomato crop.
Mhonpaj's Garden	Marine on St. Croix, Minnesota	08/4/2017	08/4/2017	2017 growing season only	Minnesota Crop Improvement Association (MCIA)	The temporary variance from the requirements in §205.204(a)(1) of the USDA organic regulations has the following restrictions: • Applies to the organic producer, Mhonpaj's Garden, in Marine on St. Croix, MN. • Mhonpaj's Garden may plant nonorganic seedlings from untreated seeds for the 2017 crop.
NATURA Agrar	Märkisch Luch municipality, in the Havelland district, in Brandenburg, Germany	07/5/2017	03/1/2017	05/31/2017	EcoCert S.A. (ECO)	The temporary variance from the organic feed requirements in §205.237(a) of the USDA organic regulations has the following restrictions: • Applies to the organic ruminant livestock producer, NATURA Agrar, in the municipality of Märkisch Luch, in the Havelland district, in Brandenburg, Germany. • Ruminants may receive European Union (EU) certified organic feed (lupines) between March 1, 2017 – May 31, 2017.

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Certified organic ruminant livestock producers in Maine.	Counties in Maine declared as primary or contiguous drought disaster areas by Secretary Vilsack in calendar year 2016	10/25/2016	10/25/2016	2016 grazing season	MOFGA Certification Services, LLC (MCS)	The temporary variance is from the organic pasture requirements § 205.237(c) and §205.240 of the USDA organic regulations with the following restrictions: • Applies to organic ruminant livestock producers in Maine counties (Kennebec, Lincoln, Franklin, Somerset, and Waldo Kennebec, Lincoln, Franklin, Somerset, and Waldo) declared as primary or contiguous drought disaster areas by Secretary Vilsack in calendar year 2016. • Applies to non-irrigated pasture only. • Ruminants must graze on organic pasture for at least 90 days instead of 120 days during the grazing season. • Ruminants must obtain, on average, at least 15 percent of their dry matter intake (DMI) from pasture during the grazing season.
Certified organic ruminant livestock producers in Connecticut and Massachusetts.	Counties in Connecticut and Massachusetts declared as primary or contiguous drought disaster areas by Secretary Vilsack in calendar year 2016	9/30/2016	9/30/2016	2016 grazing season		The temporary variance applies to the organic pasture requirements § 205.237(c) with the following restrictions: • Applies to organic ruminant livestock producers in Litchfield County, Connecticut and Massachusetts counties (Franklin, Worcester, Dukes, Berkshire, Bristol, and Middlesex) declared as primary or contiguous drought disaster areas by Secretary Vilsack in calendar year 2016. • Applies to non-irrigated pasture only. • Ruminants must graze on organic pasture in Connecticut for at least 100 days instead of 120 days during the grazing season. • Ruminants must graze on organic pasture in Massachusetts for at least 60 days instead of 120 days during the grazing season.

Certified organic ruminant livestock producers in Maine.	Counties in Maine declared as primary or contiguous drought disaster areas by Secretary Vilsack in calendar year 2016	9/30/2016	9/30/2016	2016 grazing season	MOFGA Certification Services, LLC (MCS)	The temporary variance is from the organic pasture requirements § 205.237(c) and §205.240 of the USDA organic regulations with the following restrictions: • Applies to organic ruminant livestock producers in Maine counties (York, Cumberland, and Oxford) declared as primary or contiguous drought disaster areas by Secretary Vilsack in calendar year 2016. • Applies to non-irrigated pasture only. • Ruminants must graze on organic pasture for at least 90 days instead of 120 days during the grazing season. • Ruminants must obtain, on average, at least 15 percent of their dry matter intake (DMI) from pasture during the grazing season.
Certified organic ruminant livestock producers in New York and Pennsylvania.	Counties in New York and Pennsylvania declared as primary or contiguous drought disaster areas by Secretary Vilsack in calendar year 2016	9/30/2016	9/30/2016	2016 grazing season	NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC (NOFA-NY)	The temporary variance applies to the organic pasture requirements § 205.237(c) with the following restrictions: • Applies to organic ruminant livestock producers in New York counties (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chemung, Cortland, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Onondaga, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Wyoming, Yates, Broome, Chautauqua, Chenango, Madison, Oswego, and Wayne) and Pennsylvania counties (Bradford, Potter, Susquehanna, and Tioga) declared as primary or contiguous drought disaster areas by Secretary Vilsack in calendar year 2016. • Applies to non-irrigated pasture only. • Ruminants must graze on organic pasture for at least 90 days instead of 120 days during the grazing season. • Ruminants must obtain, on average, at least 15 percent of their dry matter intake (DMI) from pasture during the grazing season.

Certified organic ruminant livestock producers in New Hampshire	Counties in New Hampshire declared as primary or contiguous drought disaster areas by Secretary Vilsack in calendar year 2016	09/23/16	09/23/16	2016 grazing season	New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food (NHDAMF)	The temporary variance applies to the organic pasture requirements § 205.237(c) with the following restrictions: • Applies to organic ruminant livestock producers in counties declared as primary or contiguous drought disaster areas by Secretary Vilsack in calendar year 2016. • Applies to non-irrigated pasture only. • Ruminants must graze on organic pasture for 90 days instead of 120 days during the grazing season. • Ruminants must obtain, on average, 15 percent of their dry matter intake (DMI) during the grazing season.
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Osceola Jerseys	Enumclaw, Washington	11/13/2015	4/10/2015	11/13/2015	Oregon Tilth (OTCO)	Temporary variance is granted from §205.237(c) and §205.239(a)(2) with the following restrictions: • This temporary variance applies only to the Osceola Jerseys operation in Enumclaw, WA. • Osceola Jerseys must provide a minimum of 27% dry matter intake (DMI) for their milking cows and 114 days minimum on pasture. • Osceola Jerseys must provide a minimum of 28% DMI for their 6-8- month heifers and 89 days minimum on pasture. • This temporary variance applies to the 2015 grazing season.
Harmony Organic Dairy	Twin Falls, Idaho	6/10/2015	6/1/2015	9/30/2015	Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA)	Temporary variance is granted from §§205.237(c) with the following restrictions: • This temporary variance applies only to the Harmony Organic Dairy operation in Twin Falls, ID. • The established 2015 grazing season for Harmony Organic Dairy is May through October. This temporary variance applies from June 1, 2015 through September 30, 2015. • Harmony Organic Dairy does not have to provide grazing from pasture to its organic milking cows during the time period of the temporary variance. • Harmony Organic Dairy must provide 60 days of grazing from pasture to its heifers and dry cows to fulfill 15% average Dry Matter Intake (DMI) during the time period of the temporary variance.

Double Eagle Dairy, Inc.	Twin Falls, Idaho	6/10/2015	6/1/2015	8/31/2015	Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA)	Temporary variance is granted from §205.237(c) with the following restrictions: • This temporary variance only applies to Double Eagle Dairy Inc. located in Twin Falls County and Cassia County, Idaho. • The established 2015 grazing season for Double Eagle Dairy Inc. is May through August. This temporary variance applies from June 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015. • Double Eagle Dairy Inc. does not have to provide grazing from pasture to its organic milking cows and heifers during the time period of the temporary variance. • Double Eagle Dairy Inc. must provide 45 days of grazing from pasture to its dry class livestock to fulfill 10% average Dry Matter Intake (DMI) during the time period of the temporary variance.
McClure Dairy Inc.	Iverness, California	6/10/2015	1/1/2015	6/30/2015	Marin Organic Certified Agriculture (MOCA)	Temporary variance is granted from §205.237(c) with the following restrictions: • This temporary variance applies only to the McClure Dairy Inc. operation in Inverness, CA. • The established 2015 grazing season for the McClure Dairy Inc. operation is January 1 – June 30. McClure Dairy Inc. must supply to its organic milking cows at least 27% percent average dry matter intake from pasture during the 2015 grazing season. All other classes of cows over 6 months of age must be supplied with at least 30 percent average dry matter intake from pasture during the 2015 grazing season.

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Various in California	California	2/12/2014	2/12/2014	2014 calendar year	Marin Organic Certified Agriculture (MOCA); California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF)	Temporary variance is granted from §§205.237(c), 205.240(b) and (c)(2) for the 2014 grazing season with the following restrictions: • Applies only to organic ruminant livestock producers located in California counties designated as primary natural disaster areas by Secretary Thomas J. Vilsack in 2014 and consider February and March 2014 as part of their grazing season. • Organic ruminant livestock producers, whose grazing season includes February and March 2014, are not required to graze or provide dry matter intake from pasture during this time period. Producers may reduce their 2014 grazing season by the number of days that correspond to this time period in their grazing plan. • This temporary variance applies to the 2014 calendar year only.
Cottonwood Cattle Company	Texas, New Mexico, Colorado	5/16/2014	5/16/2014	2014 calendar year	Quality Certification Services (QCS)	Temporary variance is granted from §205.237(c) with the following restrictions: • Applies only to Cottonwood Cattle Company, Inc., operations in Hartley, Dallam and Sherman Counties in Texas; Colfax, Harding and Union Counties in New Mexico; and Baca and Las Animas Counties in Colorado. • Applies to non-irrigated pasture only. • Applies for the first two months of Cottonwood's 2014 grazing season (June 1-July 31), a period of 61 days. During this time period Cottonwood does not have to provide grazing from pasture to its organic ruminant livestock. • Cottonwood must manage its ruminants on pasture during the last two months of the grazing

						season (August and September 2014). During that time period all ruminant livestock must be provided an average of not less than 30 percent of their dry matter intake from pasture. If pasture is available for grazing after September 30, then all Cottonwood organic ruminant livestock must graze an average of not less than 30 percent of their dry matter intake from pasture during that time period.
Aurora Organic Farms – High Plains	Gill, Colorado	6/19/2014	5/1/2014	7/31/2014	Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA)	Temporary variance is granted from §§205.237(c) and 205.240 with the following restrictions: • This temporary variance applies only to the Aurora Organic Farms – High Plains operation in Gill, Colorado. • The established 2014 grazing season for the Aurora Organic Farms – High Plains operation is May 1 – September 30. This temporary variance applies from May 1 – July 31. During this time period, Aurora Organic Farms – High Plains does not have to provide grazing from pasture to its organic ruminant livestock.
Ohio State University’s Ecological Food and Farming Association Education and Research Program	Wooster, Ohio	6/23/2014	6/23/2014	End of specified research project	Ohio Ecological Food and Farming Association	Temporary variance is granted from §205.205 for the cucurbit disease management research project. Ohio State University’s Organic Food & Farming Education & Research Program is not required to comply with crop rotation regulations in §205.205 for the life of this specific research project.

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Nature's Way Management	Portales, New Mexico	11/6/2013	11/6/2013	2013 grazing season		Due to ongoing severe drought conditions, ruminants must graze an average of no less than 10 percent of their dry matter intake from pasture during the 2013 grazing season, which must be at least 68 days. Farm must meet all other organic pasture requirements.
Corsentino Dairy	Walsenburg, Colorado	9/24/2013	9/24/2013	2013 grazing season	EcoCert ICO (ECO ICO)	Due to ongoing severe drought conditions, ruminants must graze an average of no less than 10 percent of their dry matter intake from pasture during the 2013 grazing season. Farm must meet all other organic pasture requirements (sections 205.237(c) and 205.240) of the USDA organic regulations, including grazing for at least 120 days in 2013. This variance <u>only</u> applies to: (1) Corsentino Dairy and (2) Non-irrigated pasture.
Cottonwood Cattle Company	Various	8/21/2013	8/21/2013	2013 grazing season	Quality Certification Services (QCS)	Due to ongoing severe drought conditions, ruminants must be managed on pasture for 0 instead of 120 days. Farm must meet all other organic pasture requirements (sections 205.237(c) and 205.240) of the USDA organic regulations. This variance <u>only</u> applies to: (1) Cottonwood Cattle Company, Inc. operations in the specified counties and (2) Non-irrigated pasture.
Cottonwood Cattle Company	Various	7/23/2013	7/23/2013	2013 grazing season	Quality Certification Services (QCS)	Due to ongoing severe drought conditions, ruminants must be managed on pasture for 30 instead of 120 days. Farm must meet all other organic pasture requirements (sections 205.237(c) and 205.240) of the USDA organic regulations. This variance <u>only</u> applies to: (1) Cottonwood Cattle Company, Inc. operations in the specified counties and (2) Non-irrigated pasture.

Cottonwood Cattle Company	Various	6/18/2013	6/18/2013	2013 grazing season	Quality Certification Services (QCS)	Due to ongoing severe drought conditions, ruminants must be managed on pasture for 60 instead of 120 days. Farm must meet all other organic pasture requirements (sections 205.237(c) and 205.240) of the USDA organic regulations. This variance <u>only</u> applies to: (1) Cottonwood Cattle Company, Inc. operations in the specified counties and (2) Non-irrigated pasture.
Various	Various	6/7/2013	6/7/2013	2013 growing season	International Certification Services, Inc. (ICS)	Due to damaged organic annual tobacco seedlings and unavailability of additional organic seedlings, specified operations may use non-organic burley and dark tobacco annual seedlings for the 2013 growing season only.
Cottonwood Cattle Company	Various	5/23/2013	5/23/2013	2013 grazing season	Quality Certification Services (QCS)	Due to ongoing severe drought conditions, ruminants must be managed on pasture for 90 instead of 120 days. Farm must meet all other organic pasture requirements (sections 205.237(c) and 205.240) of the USDA organic regulations. This variance <u>only</u> applies to: (1) Cottonwood Cattle Company, Inc. operations in the specified counties and (2) Non-irrigated pasture.
James Burkholder	Pennsylvania	5/4/2012	5/4/2012	5/3/2013	Pennsylvania Certified Organic (PCO)	Temporary variance from § 205.238(a)(5) for the fistulation of three cows for research purposes, with the following conditions: • Milk from the fistulated cows must not be sold, labeled, or represented as organic; • Offspring from the fistulated cattle must not be sold or represented as organic slaughter stock; • Offspring from the fistulated cattle shall be managed organically for one year before their milk may be sold, labeled, or represented as organic; • Any proposed modifications to the Organic System Plan shall be submitted to the accredited certifying agent for approval.

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Various	U.S. counties Secretary Vilsack has designated as primary or contiguous natural disaster areas in 2012	11/2/2012	11/2/2012	2012 grazing season	Those that certify operations in counties Secretary Vilsack has designated primary or contiguous natural disaster areas.	USDA is granting a temporary variance from the organic pasture requirements (Sections 205.237(c) and 205.240) of the USDA organic regulations with the following restrictions: • Applies only to organic ruminant producers in counties declared as primary or contiguous natural disaster areas by Secretary Vilsack in calendar year 2012; • Applies to non-irrigated pasture only; • Instead of 30 percent, producers must supply at least 15 percent of their dry matter intake (on average) from certified organic pasture; • Applies to the 2012 grazing season only.
New Mexico Department of Agriculture	New Mexico	11/2/2012	11/2/2012	2012 grazing season	New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA)	After a prolonged severe drought, the pasture conditions in New Mexico have severely deteriorated, risking permanent soil damage. Resource conservation experts have recommended a shorter grazing season in order to protect soil quality and rangeland/pasture health. Especially when coupled with reduced access to irrigation water, USDA is granting a temporary variance from the organic pasture requirements (Sections 205.237(c) and 205.240) of the USDA organic regulations with the following restrictions: • Applies only to organic ruminant producers in the State of New Mexico; • Includes irrigated and non-irrigated pasture; • Instead of 120 days, ruminants must graze organic pasture at least 80 days during the grazing season; • Instead of 30 percent, ruminants must consume at least 15 percent of their dry matter intake (on average) from certified organic pasture; • Applies to the 2012 grazing season only.

Corsentino Dairy	Colorado	11/2/2012	11/2/2012	2012 grazing season	Indiana Certified Organic (ICO)	Due to severe drought and lack of irrigation water, USDA is granting a temporary variance from section 205.237(c) of the USDA organic regulations with the following restrictions: • The producer, Corsentino Dairy, must supply at least 10 percent average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than 90 percent average of a ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed; • This approval is applicable only to Corsentino Dairy in Walsenburg, Colorado.
Cottonwood Cattle Company	Texas	11/2/2012	11/2/2012	2012 grazing season	Quality Certification Services (QCS)	Due to severe drought and additional documentation, USDA is granting a temporary variance from the organic pasture requirements (Sections 205.237(c) and 205.240) of the USDA organic regulations with the following restrictions: • This variance applies to the Cottonwood Cattle Company, Inc. only; • This variance applies to non-irrigated pasture only; • Cottonwood must supply at least 15 percent dry matter average dry matter intake from pasture, or no more than 85 percent average of a ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed over the 2012 grazing season; • Cottonwood must manage its ruminants on pasture throughout a grazing season of not less than 60 days.
Various	U.S. counties Secretary Vilsack has designated natural disaster areas.	8/9/2012	8/9/2012	12/31/2012	Those that certify operations in counties Secretary Vilsack has designated natural disaster areas.	This initial drought-related temporary variance was replaced by this temporary variance effective November 2, 2012.

Forrest Farms, Spear 7	Wyoming	6/29/2012	6/29/2012	2012 grazing season	Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)	Temporary variance from § 205.237(c)(1), restricted to no more than an average of 85% of a ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed and to ruminant livestock operations in Wyoming.
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Company / Producer	Location	Date of AMS Decision	Effective Date	Expiration	Certifying Agent	Remarks
Schneider Farms	Minnesota	12/5/2011	12/5/2011	2011 grazing season	Minnesota Crop Improvement Association (MCIA)	Temporary variance allowed due to documented severe drought conditions.
Texas Department of Agriculture	Texas	11/8/2011	11/8/2011	12/31/2011	Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)	Temporary variance allowed due to documented severe drought conditions. The variance applies to the organic ruminant producers located in any of the 214 Texas counties designated as primary natural disaster areas on April 4 and June 24, 2011 by USDA Secretary Thomas J. Vilsack. Non-irrigated pasture only; producers having access to irrigated pasture are not included in the variance.
Cottonwood Cattle Company	Texas	11/3/2011	11/3/2011	12/31/2011	Quality Certification Services (QCS)	Temporary variance allowed due to documented severe drought conditions.
Texas Department of Agriculture	Texas	Allowed 10/14/2011	10/14/2011	12/31/2011	Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)	Temporary variance allowed due to documented severe drought conditions, for organic livestock producers in the following Texas counties: Bastrop, Lamb, and Travis. During the grazing season, producers having access to irrigated pasture may not provide more than an average of 85 percent of a ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed. Dry matter fed does not include dry matter grazed from residual forage or vegetation rooted in pasture.

New Mexico Department of Agriculture	New Mexico	Allowed 10/14/2011	10/14/2011	12/31/2011	New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA)	Temporary variance allowed due to documented severe drought conditions, for organic livestock producers in the following New Mexico counties: Catron; Cibola; Curry; De Baca; Roosevelt; San Miguel; and Socorro. During the grazing season, producers having access to irrigated pasture may not provide more than an average of 85 percent of a ruminant's dry matter demand from dry matter fed. Dry matter fed does not include dry matter grazed from residual forage or vegetation rooted in pasture.
Indiana Certified Organic, LLC	Colorado	Allowed 8/5/2011	8/5/2011	2011 grazing season	Indiana Certified Organic, LLC (ICO)	Temporary variance allowed due to documented severe drought conditions, for organic livestock producers in the following Colorado counties: Bent, Chaffee, Custer, Fremont, Huerfano, Kiowa, Las Animas, Prowers, and Pueblo. Non-irrigated pasture only; producers having access to irrigated pasture are not included in the variance.
Glaserne Meierie GmbH	Germany	Allowed 7/19/2011	7/19/2011	2011 grazing season	Institut fur Marktokologie	<i>Only applies to Glaserne Meierie GmbH, certificate #27403NOP.</i> Temporary variance allowed due to a documented business interruption. Construction of a road has temporarily impeded his herd's access to half of the available pasture. A bridge is under construction that will allow cattle to access all pasture areas.
New Mexico Organic Commodity Commission (NMOCC)	New Mexico	Allowed 6/10/2011	6/15/2011	9/15/2011	NMOCC	Temporary variance allowed due to documented severe drought conditions, for organic livestock producers in the following New Mexico counties: Catron; Cibola; Curry; Grant; Mora; Roosevelt; San Miguel; and Socorro. Non-irrigated pasture only; producers having access to irrigated pasture are not included in the variance.

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Vidalia Organics, Inc.	Georgia	Allowed 1/15/2010	1/15/2010	2010 Planting Season	Quality Certification Services (QCS)	§ 205.204(a)(3) Seeds and planting stock practice standard. A Temporary Variance was granted to allow the use of nonorganically produced onion seedlings.

Denied Requests for Temporary Variances

Company / Producer	Location	Date of AMS Decision	Effective Date	Expiration	Certifying Agent	Remarks
WDF, Inc. (Steve Wagoner)	Delphi, Indiana	Denied 8/8/2017	N/A	N/A	Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association (OEFFA)	Denied based on requirements in §205.237(a) and the published instruction NOP 2606, “ <i>Instruction – Temporary Variances.</i> ” A temporary variance may not be granted for feeding non-organic feed to organic livestock.
Landsverk Dairy	Fosston, Minnesota	Denied 4/3/2014	N/A	N/A	Quality Assurance International (QAI)	Denied because request was not timely.
John Bledsoe Organics	Blackstone, Virginia	Denied 5/6/2014	N/A	N/A	International Certification Services (ICS)	Denied because the reason for the variance does not fit any of the allowed reasons under which a temporary variance could be granted, and due to the use of a prohibited fungicide.
Richard Pool Organics	South Boston, Virginia	Denied 5/6/2014	N/A	N/A	International Certification Services (ICS)	Denied because the reason for the variance does not fit any of the allowed reasons under which a temporary variance could be granted, and due to the use of a prohibited fungicide.

New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries	Wellington, New Zealand	Denied 5/9/2013	N/A	N/A	Multiple	Requested Variance: reduce the transition period for dairy animals to three months. Since AMS concluded this variance would adversely affect organic integrity, this request is denied.
Cottonwood Cattle Company	Texas	Denied 8/13/2012	N/A	N/A	Quality Certification Services (QCS)	Due to severe drought, a request was made for a temporary variance from the organic pasture requirements. Since irrigation is available for use on the operation's organic pasture, this request is denied.
Coulee Region Organic Produce Pool (CROPP)	Various	Denied 8/13/2012	N/A	N/A	Organic Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO)	Due to severe to moderate drought conditions, a request was made to allow organic animals to graze eligible land prior to its organic certification. Since temporary variances cannot be granted for on-site inspections (§ 205.403(a)(1)), this request is denied.
Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship	Des Moines, Iowa	Denied 7/14/2011	N/A	N/A	Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship (IDALS)	A request was made to use injectable vitamin A to research efficacy in managing pinkeye in cattle. Although the research sounds valuable, vitamin A is only allowed for enrichment or fortification when approved by FDA. The request for temporary variance was denied per § 205.290(e).
Laurance Kriegel	Texas	Denied 7/11/2011	N/A	N/A	Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)	A request was made to use a product as an herbicide. Since the active ingredient for this product is not listed as an allowed synthetic for crop production, the request for temporary variance was denied per § 205.290(e).
California Certified Organic Farmers	California	Denied 6/30/2011	N/A	N/A	California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF)	A request was made to conduct research on methane emissions from organic dairy cows using Sulfur hexafluoride tracing. Since this substance is not listed as an allowed synthetic for livestock production, the request for temporary variance was denied per § 205.290(e).

Crimson Clover Farm	New York	Denied 11/8/2010	N/A	N/A	Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York (NOFA-NY)	A request was made to conduct production research with treated grain seeds. Since the treatment included substances not listed as allowed synthetic materials for crop production, the request for temporary variance was denied per § 205.290(e).
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