

# WESTERN ORGANIC DAIRY PRODUCERS

# NOP Approves Temporary Variance Request For 2021 Grazing Season Due to Drought

The USDA has issued a temporary variance from certain grazing requirements for organic producers in specific counties. The variance does not allow for non-organic feed. Please carefully read the following to see how this variance effects your operation.

The temporary variance establishes the following restrictions for the 2021 grazing season for ruminant livestock producers located in <u>impacted counties</u> as designated by the Secretary of Agriculture:

- 1. Ruminants must be provided with at least 20 percent average dry matter intake from pasture; and
- 2. Ruminants must be grazed on pasture throughout the grazing season for no less than 90 days.

Your certifier will let you know what additional information they need from you upon receiving your request.

**Current Temporary Variances** 

**US Drought Monitor** 

FSA Disaster Designation

CCOF's Federal Resources for Producers

WODPA supports efforts to comply with ALL pasture regulations under the National Organic Program.

However, we hope this information will be useful to those of you with emergency drought conditions.

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