

What forms should I complete to apply for Organic Certification?

[*I want to apply for certification as an organic land producer*](#)

[*I want to apply for certification as an organic livestock producer*](#)

[*I want to apply for certification as an organic processor of organic food and feed products*](#)

[*I want to apply for certification as a processor of organic fiber products*](#)

[*I want to apply for certification as distributor of organic products*](#)

[*I want to apply for certification as a retailer of organic products*](#)

Forms to complete according to the scope of organic certification you are requesting:

Organic Land Producer

This type of operation produces agricultural product. An organic production operation may need additional types of certification depending on on-farm activities such as livestock production and on-farm processing.

[ROR-600, Organic Certification Application](#) and [Instructions](#)

[ROR-607, Producer Organic System Plan](#) and [Instructions](#)

[ROR-621, Previous Land owner/manager Affidavit for Organic Certification](#) and [Instructions](#)

[ROR-622, Organic Seed and Planting Stock Disclosure form](#) and [Instructions](#)

Organic Livestock Producer

This type of operation produces livestock and/or livestock products. [Section 205.237 of the NOP Regulations](#) states that, "The producer of an organic livestock operation must provide livestock with a total feed ration composed of agricultural products, including pasture and forage, that are organically produced and handled by operations certified to the NOP." Thus, in order for livestock to be labeled as organic, the producer must have certified organic land for pasture and provide certified organic feed even if the livestock operation qualifies for exemption under [section 205.101 of the NOP regulations](#).

[ROR-600, Organic Certification Application](#) and [Instructions](#)

[ROR-603, Livestock Organic System Plan form](#) and [Instructions](#)

[ROR-607, Producer Organic System Plan form](#) and [Instructions](#)

[ROR-621, Previous Land owner/manager Affidavit for Organic Certification](#) and [Instructions](#)

[ROR-622, Organic Seed and Planting Stock Disclosure form](#) and [Instructions](#)

[ROR-623, Organic Livestock Dry Matter Worksheet](#) and [Instructions](#)

[ROR-624, Organic Livestock Outdoor Access Calendar](#) and [Instructions](#)

Organic Handlers:

The Texas Department of Agriculture breaks out organic handlers into 4 general categories based on the type of handling conducted by operations.

Organic Handler –Processor of food and feed products

Handlers of food and feed products that conduct processing activities as defined in section 205.2 "processing" of the NOP Regulations.

[ROR-600, Organic Certification Application](#) and [Instructions](#)

[ROR-606, Processor \(Food and Feed\) Organic System Plan](#) and [Instructions](#)

Organic Handler –Processor of fiber products

Handlers of fiber products that conduct processing activities as defined in section 205.2 "[processing](#)" of the NOP Regulations.

[ROR-600, Organic Certification Application](#) and [Instructions](#)

[ROR-604, Processor \(Fiber\) Organic System Plan](#) and [Instructions](#)

Organic Handler –Distributor of organic products

Handler of organic product as defined in section 18.2 “[distributor](#)” of the Texas Organic Standards and Certification (4 TAC 18.2).

[ROR-600, Organic Certification Application](#) and [Instructions](#)

[ROR-602, Organic Distributor System Plan](#) and [Instructions](#)

Organic Handler –Retailer of organic products

A Retail food establishment that conducts in-store processing of organic agricultural product and then labels the processed product as “100 percent organic,” “organic,” or “made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))”

[ROR-600, Organic Certification Application](#) and [Instructions](#)

[ROR-608, Retailer Organic System Plan Form](#) and [Instructions](#)

[ROR-606, Processor \(Food and Feed\) Organic System Plan](#) and [Instructions](#)

Section 205.101 of the NOP Regulations details how certain operations are exempt or excluded from the requirement of obtaining organic certification. However, operations that qualify for exemption may choose to obtain certification due to market demands or to increase consumer confidence of your products.