

**APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN
ORGANIC DAIRY REPLACEMENT STUDY**

To be returned by April 30th 2022

The information supplied here will help select applicants for the above named project. The project only has funding for 15 farms. A key requirement for participating in the cohort will be that farmers will be comfortable sharing the data of their dairy replacement enterprise. Fay Benson with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cortland County will lead the project along with Ashley Pierce. Successful applicants will be divided into two cohorts of certified organic dairies. One group will be centered in North/Central New York and the other in Eastern NY.

The goal of the project will be to review the treatments, techniques, and costs associated with raising heifers on these farms. We will then share averages and treatments with other organic dairies in the Northeast. The information will also help with establishing the unfair advantage allowed by the USDA by not enforcing the intent of the "Origin of Livestock" rule described in the NOP.

If you are a certified organic family or cooperative farming operation, provide the information for the individual who will act as the contact for this program.

Farm Name _____

Contact Name _____

Address _____

Telephone #

Home _____

Cell _____

Email _____

1. How many years have you been certified organic? _____
 - a. Are you certified grassfed? _____
2. How many cows are in the milking herd? _____
3. How many replacement heifers are raised each year? _____
4. Total number of heifers _____
5. What type of grazing system do you use for 6-month to breeding age heifers?
 - Rotational: Daily: _____ Weekly: _____ Monthly: _____ Other: _____
 - Leader – Follow: _____
 - Set Paddock: _____
6. Do you feed grain to heifers? _____
7. Percent of herd bred AI _____
8. Percent of herd bred natural service _____
9. Estimate the percent of your herd that calves in each season:
 Spring ____ Summer ____ Fall ____ Winter ____ (Total should add up to 100%)

Management Information

1. Milk feeding method:
 - a. Bottle/Pail _____ b. On nurse cow _____ . c. Group feeding _____
2. How many heifer groups do you maintain from birth to breeding age? _____
 (Example: Birth to weaning, Weaning to yearling, Yearling to breeding age)

Thank you for your information. We will contact you by May 15th, 2022 with the results. Farms that are selected to be in a cohort and who fulfil the requirements will be paid \$500.00 to aid in the collection of data on their farms, and be eligible to receive a \$5,000.00 grant at the end of the project. Grant funds must be directed towards supporting the farm’s efforts in raising dairy heifers or in expanding their farm’s grazing capabilities.