

# Keeping Horses on Organically Certified Land

Organic requirements are in addition to other statutory requirements  
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1. **General Principle** - As a general principle, non-organic horses must not make up the sole or main livestock enterprise on the farm. They must be part of a multi species organic livestock enterprise.

2. **Management Plan** - In order for OF&G to satisfactorily assess such an enterprise, the operator must provide a Management Plan which includes a Health Plan.

3. **Health Plan** – Where an animal requires treatment with a veterinary medicine this must be recorded and its use justified in the Animal Health Plan. Where vitamin supplements are used, these must be justified in the Animal Health Plan. (Please refer to section 8.5.04-08 of the OF&G Control Manual.)

4. **Feed** - Wherever possible organic horse feeds should be used. In cases where these are not available, feeds used should only contain approved ingredients (These are listed in 8.4. of the OF&G Control Manual)

Copies of labels for all feeds – it is not necessary to keep individual feed records, however, copies of feed labels must be kept and made available at the inspection.

Non-GM declarations for all brought-in approved non-organic feeds, must be obtained from Feed Suppliers and made available at the inspection.

5. **Veterinary Treatments** - It will not be necessary for producers to keep veterinary treatment records. However, copies of horse passports must be made available at all times, must be kept up to date and clearly detail any treatments received by the animal.

Worming - For details of approved treatments for worming please refer to section 8.5.27-28 of the OF&G Control Manual.

6. **Manure** - All manure produced from these horses must be applied to organic/converting land in accordance with OF&G Control Manual 7.13.

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