



Request for Temporary Confinement due to Disease Threat

Certified organic operations must establish and maintain preventative livestock health care practices, which may include temporary confinement under conditions where the health, safety, or well-being of the animals could be jeopardized. Continuous total confinement of any animal indoors is prohibited. Federal, State, or local regulations that prohibit a required practice (e.g. outdoor access) or require a prohibited practice may preclude organic certification of the affected commodity within that jurisdiction.

**This form is intended for the review of scenarios that are not routine, part of your production practices or a common occurrence. This could include the introduction of contagious diseases carried by migratory birds or pests; this may include scenarios outside of disease threat that are not part of your reviewed, approved OSP. Contact your certification specialist for additional information. Please be aware that during the confinement period birds need access to conditions that allow for expressions of natural behavior, such as dust bathing.*

Instructions:

- Use this form to present plans for temporary confinement due to the presence of a specific disease threat. The method and duration of temporary confinement must be reviewed and approved in order to remain in compliance with NOP regulations. Please note that, at this time, PCO will not approve proposed confinement periods greater than 30 days; however, the possibility of extension will be considered based on the threat to animal health and well-being at the end of that term.
- Complete each section and attach justification, as required. Unanswered sections/questions, lack of documentation/justification or broken website links will delay the review of this information.
- Approval of submitted confinement plans is valid for the time period stated.

Date of Request:

Operation Name:

PCO ID (last four): 821000

Is this operation part of an affiliate group? Yes No

If yes, affiliate group name:

Description of the disease threat. Include the following information, as applicable: name of the disease; type of microbe (e.g. bacterium, virus); source of confirmed cases (e.g. state department of agriculture, veterinary office, etc.); current distribution of disease (e.g. proximity to your farm, flyway, county, etc.).

Is this a disease that requires depopulation of the flock? Yes No

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Request for Temporary Confinement- Avian V2, 9/24/19

<p>Risk to birds. How does the disease spread (e.g. aerosol transmission, direct contact, wild birds, rodents, contaminated equipment/supplies/clothing)?</p>
<p>Biosecurity in practice. Current measures in place and why they are not sufficient for preventing disease spread (e.g. viability in soil, quarantine methods, etc.).</p>
<p>Confinement plan. The length of the proposed confinement period* (include the reason that period was chosen) and your plans for monitoring disease risk during the confinement period. Include details on the circumstances under which the confinement period would be lifted (e.g. no confirmed cases in affected area within specific time period). *Confinement periods must not exceed 30 days. Operators must monitor disease risk during the confinement period and lift confinement if the threat to bird health and well-being no longer exists.</p>

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PCO Notes/Response:

- Approved, period:
- Not approved, additional information required:

(see next page for extension requests)

Temporary Confinement Plan Extension Requests:

Extension #1

Date of Request:

Description of the disease threat. Include the following information, as applicable: observations on disease progression; current distribution of disease (e.g. proximity to your farm, flyway, county, etc.).

Confinement plan. The length of the proposed extension confinement period* and any changes to your plans for monitoring disease risk during the confinement period. Include details on the circumstances under which the confinement period would be lifted (e.g. no confirmed cases in affected area within specific time period).

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PCO Notes/Response:

Approved, period:

Not approved, additional information required:

Extension #2

Date of Request:

Description of the disease threat. Include the following information, as applicable: observations on disease progression; current distribution of disease (e.g. proximity to your farm, flyway, county, etc.).

Confinement plan. The length of the proposed extension confinement period* and any changes to your plans for monitoring disease risk during the confinement period. Include details on the circumstances under which the confinement period would be lifted (e.g. no confirmed cases in affected area within specific time period).

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PCO Notes/Response:

Approved, period:

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