The Origin of Livestock (OOL) final rule revises the USDA organic regulations to clarify the one-time transition of dairy animals to organic production.

**WHAT DOES THE RULE DO?**
- Describes how and when nonorganic dairy animals can be transitioned into organic production.
- Harmonizes the market by ensuring all organic dairy producers use the same transition practices.

**HOW WILL THE RULE BENEFIT FARMERS?**
- Ensures more consistent production and certification practices.
- Promotes the ability to compete more fairly in the organic market.

**WHO IS AFFECTED?**
- Producers
- Certifiers
- Inspectors
- Consumers

**OOL IN PRACTICE**

**New or transitioning dairy operations may:**
(a) Purchase or raise organic animals, or
(b) Transition nonorganic animals to organic production **ONCE.**

- **a)** Purchase or Raise
- **b)** 1x Transition per Operation

**Once certification is complete:**
(a) The operation may only add animals that have been organically managed from the last third of gestation.
(b) The operation cannot source transitioned animals from another operation.*

- **a)** Purchase or Raise
- **b)** NO Purchase or Transition

*Some small businesses may be granted limited exceptions by the AMS Administrator.

To learn more about the rule, please see AMS’s website: [www.ams.usda.gov/organic](http://www.ams.usda.gov/organic)

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