ORGANIC PRODUCER ENDORSEMENT

I, the undersigned, affirm the following:

- I am over the age of eighteen (18).
- That all land used by me for organic production, if applicable, has had no prohibited substances (as defined by the National Organic Program) applied to it for at least 3 years prior to harvest. Prohibited substances include sewage sludge, non-compliant herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers.
- That all agricultural products, including: crop; livestock; sea vegetables; processed and handled products, for which organic certification is requested, have been produced according to the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) Standards.
- That the information provided in the organic system plan (application or renewal and associated forms per scope) is complete and accurate and that MOFGA Certification Services LLC (MCS) relies upon this information for its organic certification process. **Willfully providing false information may result in the denial, suspension, or revocation of certification and may be subject to legal action and penalties under state and federal law.** If any of this information changes, I (we) will notify MCS of these changes promptly per the requirements of the NOP regulations.
- I understand that my operation may be subject to unannounced inspection and/or sampling at any time as deemed appropriate to ensure compliance with the NOP regulations.
- I agree to give MCS access to all fields, facilities, production and storage locations, and records that provide information about the operation and its compliance with the organic rule.
- I have read the National Organic Program Regulations, MCS policies, and guidance documents and understand them.
- If certified, I agree to represent such agricultural and processed products as *Certified Organic by MOFGA* only if I have abided by the current organic standards and continue to do so.
- I understand that MCS must keep my certification files for ten (10) years and that they are subject to USDA-NOP audits.
- I permit MCS to provide marketing information, as indicated by me on the certification forms, to publicize on our website's searchable database, and understand that MCS is required to report information to the Organic Integrity Database.
- I will maintain all records applicable to the organic operation for no less than five (5) years beyond their creation. This includes keeping a copy of my annual certification paperwork and/or digital files.
- If I was not in control of land during the prior 36 months and I use this land in my organic farm plan (if applicable), I understand that the person who was previously in control must sign an affidavit for verification purposes (as well as other documentation).
- I will not misuse the *Certified Organic by MOFGA* statement, logo or USDA Organic seal.
- I am an authorized representative of the operation and am responsibly connected, and I can make decisions involving this organic system plan. I am an official contact for this operation.
- I understand that acceptance of organic system plan application paperwork does not constitute certification. Certification is granted through the issuance by MCS of an organic certificate and an annual product verification document. I understand that the organic certificate is good until surrendered, suspended or revoked.
- I will abide by the *MCS Code of Conduct and Safety Standards* when engaging with staff and inspectors, and understand that violations (including jokes, anything that can be perceived as intimidation, or inappropriate comments) can be grounds for noncompliance and adverse action activity. MCS encourages inspectors to report all instances of misbehavior immediately.
- I will make sure any dogs are put away before the start of my inspection.
- I will make sure that firearms are safely stowed away prior to the inspector or MCS representative's arrival and throughout the inspection.
- **In accordance with the requirements of the USDA-NOP standards, which protect my confidential records from unauthorized release, I give MCS permission to share, as needed, information in my records with other NOP-accredited certifiers and MOFGA's Farmer Programs department necessary to assist in certification compliance.**

(1)_____Date_____

Print Name Here: _____

(2)_____Date_____

Print Name Here: _____

This document must be signed in order for MCS to proceed with the certification process.

If two individuals are listed in Question 1 of the Producer Information form, then both individuals must sign the Organic Producer Endorsement. The names that are to appear on the Organic Certificate must match the signatures on this Endorsement.