



## Buying & Selling At Auction

The USDA National Organic Program (NOP) has stated that auction facilities must be certified organic to sell certified organic livestock. Any animals taken to auction must be sold as non-organic unless the facility is certified organic. Likewise, any animals purchased at auction will be considered non-organic unless the facility is certified and their organic certificate is obtained.

When selling an organic animal through a certified organic auction facility, the following documentation must accompany the animal to the auction facility:

1. Organic certificate listing livestock type (dairy cows, dairy replacements, beef cows, etc.)
2. Livestock Organic Status Affirmation Form, Animal List, or equivalent documentation verifying dairy/slaughter status of individual animals being sold (Tag ID, birthdate, date placed under organic management, etc.).

If slaughter status is not verifiable, animals must be clearly marked by the auction facility and the producer as not eligible for organic slaughter.

*Note: A certified producer may hold an auction on their farm for the sale of their own organic livestock. An on-farm auction may not be used to sell livestock from any other certified operation.*

If a producer wishes to hold an on-farm auction to sell livestock from multiple farms, the producer must certify their operation to handle livestock auctions. This producer will be responsible for all paperwork, fees and documentation associated with the auction facility.

If you have any questions about buying and selling at auctions, please contact your MOFGA Certification Services specialist, or contact our office at:

[certification@mofga.org](mailto:certification@mofga.org) or 207-568-6030.