



NEW YORK STATE CERTIFIED Dairy Application

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The New York State Certified program makes it easy for consumers to identify local, safely handled, and environmentally responsible agricultural products. This voluntary program is a cooperative effort among producers, processors, wholesalers, retailers, restaurants, and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets to meet consumer demand for high-quality food and agricultural products.

Dairy processors are eligible to participate in New York State Certified if they adhere to best practices in food handling and operate in an environmentally responsible manner as described in the Program Requirements. Upon acceptance to the New York State Certified program and submission of a signed trademark licensing agreement, program participants will be able to display a new high-impact label that will clearly stand out and tell the consuming public their food handling practices are audited and certified, and they operate their farms in an environmentally responsible manner.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- **Applicability.** Dairy processors must certify that a majority of their milk is (or milk suppliers are) from New York farms;
- **Safe Food Handling.** The dairy processing plant is in compliance with the required Plant Processor Supervisor (PPS) training, the plant demonstrates successful participation in a third-party food safety or safe food handling program that includes an annual on-site audit.
- **Environmental Stewardship.** A majority of the milk is from producers that participate in the New York State Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) program, administered by the Department of Agriculture and Markets, with the completion of Tier 2 of the program (or higher).

Products made with soy are eligible for New York State Grown & Certified if a majority of their soy is (or soy suppliers are) from New York State farms and the processors meet the above requirements for safe food handling and environmental stewardship.

Ineligible for this program:

- Products from out-of-state plants
- Raw milk permit holders
- New York State processors that source a majority of ingredients outside New York State

SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

BUSINESS NAME _____

FARM NAME/DBA (if different from business name) _____

CONTACT PERSON(S) _____ TITLE _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER(S) _____ COUNTY WHERE BUSINESS IS LOCATED _____

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE) _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ WEBSITE _____

Products on Which the Label Will Be Displayed:

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Milk | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheese | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Cream | <input type="checkbox"/> Powdered Products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yogurt | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Cultured Products | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Frozen Desserts | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

SECTION 2: REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Majority of Milk (or Milk Suppliers)¹ from New York State Farms

Provide a document verifying a majority of milk or milk suppliers (whether cooperative or individual farms) are from New York State farms. A spreadsheet of annual milk suppliers and location of farm/cooperative membership is sufficient.

- Cooperatives can provide processors with an annual self-certified letter indicating a majority of cooperative members or volume of milk in the cooperative is from New York State.
- For establishments with both cooperative and farm supplier milk, please provide a document summarizing the milk sources/volume (as appropriate) and certify that the farms are from New York State.

Safe Food Handling Participation Documentation

Please include a copy of the document verifying participation in a food safety audit program with an annual on-site audit. On-farm processors can provide verification of participation in a safe food handling or processing training program, such as those offered by Cornell University. A copy of certificate or letter of completion is sufficient.

Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) Participation - Majority of Milk Is (or Milk Suppliers Are) from Farms That Participate in or Qualify for AEM Tier 2

Please provide a document demonstrating that a majority of milk is (or milk suppliers are) from farms that participate in NYS AEM program Tier 2 or higher. AEM participation must be within the past 3 years.

- Cooperatives can provide processors with an annual self-assessment letter indicating that majority of cooperative membership participates in AEM or are permit holding NYS CAFO (or majority of milk volume in the cooperative comes from dairy farms that participate in AEM or is from permit holding NYS CAFO).
- For establishments with both cooperative and individual farm supplier milk, please provide a document summarizing the milk sources/volumes (as appropriate) and certify the status as either AEM Tier 2 or a permit-holding NYS CAFO.
- Farm processors should provide a NYS Grown and Certified Environmental Stewardship Verification Cover Form, or most recent AEM verification update form.

Processing Plant Superintendent (PPS) Training Requirement

Please provide name of Processing Plant Superintendent(s). The Division of Milk Control and Dairy Services will verify current compliance with the PPS training requirements.

Trademark Licensing Agreement

A signed [licensing agreement](#) must be on file with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets prior to use of the trademarked logos or slogans. Any unapproved use of these materials may result in liability under Federal Trademark Laws.

SECTION 3: TERMS AND AGREEMENTS

I understand that any false statement made in this application, in addition to being the possible basis for termination of participation in the New York State Certified program and the Trademark Licensing Agreement, may be punishable under the provisions of Section 210.45 of the Penal Law of the State of New York.

I understand that as a participant in the New York State Certified program, information about my business will be displayed on the New York State Certified website.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO
THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

New York State Department of Agriculture
ATTN: Division of Agricultural Development
10B Airline Drive
Albany, NY 12235
NYSCertified@agriculture.ny.gov

¹Applies to all dairy products, soy products, and wholesale frozen dessert ingredients.

EMAIL NYSCertified@agriculture.ny.gov

OFFICE 1.800.554.4501, Option 3

FAX 518.457.2716