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**Organic Integrity from
Farm to Table
Consumers Trust the
Organic Label**

Announcement

January 18, 2017

Dear USDA,

The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is pleased to announce the posting of a final rule amending the organic livestock and poultry production requirements.

Organic Livestock and Poultry Practices: Final Rule and Webinar

AMS is pleased to announce the posting of the Organic Livestock and Poultry Practices Final Rule.

Developed in close consultation with other Federal agencies, this final rule sets clear standards for organic animals by adding specificity to the production and handling aspects of organic production, ensuring consistency and consumer transparency.

Based on recommendations from the National Organic Standards Board, the final rule:

- Establishes minimum indoor and outdoor space requirements for poultry;
- Clarifies how producers and handlers must treat livestock and chickens to ensure their health and well-being throughout life, including transport and slaughter; and
- Specifies which physical alterations are allowed and prohibited in organic livestock and poultry production.

The final rule will create economic benefits for organic producers, ensure fairness across organic operations, and ensure that all organic animals live in pasture-based systems that support their well-being and natural behavior.

[Access the Organic Livestock and Poultry Practices Final Rule](#)

Join AMS for a Webinar on the Final Rule:

Wednesday, January 18, 2017
2:00-3:00 PM Eastern Time

Dial In by Phone:
Toll-Free (U.S. & Canada): 866.740.1260

Access Code: 7202000

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Meeting URL: <http://www.readytalk.com>

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About the Agricultural Marketing Service

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) facilitates the competitive and efficient marketing of agricultural products. Through its National Organic Program, AMS facilitates trade and ensures the integrity of organic agricultural products by consistently implementing organic standards and enforcing compliance with the regulations throughout the world.

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