



7 STEPS TO BECOME AN APPROVED AGA PRODUCER



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Download Documents

Download the Membership and Certification Submission Checklist to help guide you through the process. Download a copy of the Ruminant, Pastured Pork or Dairy Standards. Please make sure to read them thoroughly and if any questions remain, please email us at standards@americangrassfed.org.

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AGA Membership

Learn more about membership on our membership page. You can fill out a membership form online or download one and send it in. Please note that we are unable to process any inspection forms without a current membership PRIOR to scheduling and submitting an inspection.

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Farm Inspection

If you have other certifications, such as organic or state or local programs, we can work with that inspector for ruminant and pastured pork to do the AGA on-farm inspection at the same time, and they will advise you as to the cost (if any) of the bundled inspections. *Dairy inspectors must have completed an IOIA course.*

Once you choose a company or person to conduct the inspection, the inspector must contact AGA for a link to the proper online inspection form. If you can't find an inspector in your area, please email us at standards@americangrassfed.org.

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Inspection Submitted to AGA

Once the inspection is completed, the inspector must submit the information **via the instructions on the form.**

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Certification Committee Review

Our Certification Committee will review all submitted paperwork. Once they determine that you qualify for Certified AGA Producer status, AGA will send you paperwork to complete the process.

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AGA Licensing Agreement

Sign and return the licensing agreement, that you will be sent, along with payment to AGA. You must send AGA a copy of your label for our files. Upon receipt of the signed documents, label, and payment, AGA will issue your certification. Once you are approved and licensed, you can use the AGA Grassfed logo on your labels and promotional materials.

And remember, if you see that logo being used on products you doubt meet the AGA standards, please tell us! Together, we will maintain the integrity of the AGA brand, the original, oldest and USA-only grassfed certification in the United States.

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Stay Current!

Certified producers must pay their yearly dues—member fee and per head fees—as well as have their farm or ranch re-inspected every 12 to 15 months.