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## Yorkshire Valley Farms Pasture-Raised Egg Grower Agreement

At Yorkshire Valley Farms, we believe that ethical and responsible stewardship of our animals from farm to table is a core tenant of our operations. As a trusted and valued partner with a key role in bringing our products to market, we require your commitment to adhere to this Pasture-Raised Egg Growers Agreement to ensure that our core values and quality standards are upheld.

In addition to maintaining organic practices, as set forth in the Organic Production Systems: General Principles and Management Standards, Growers will:

1. Provide access to organically-managed pasture space on a daily basis during pasture season, generally defined as May through October (weather permitting).
2. Target a minimum of 5 hours of outdoor access for the birds each day.
3. Provide pasture area with a minimum of 1.85m<sup>2</sup> (20 ft<sup>2</sup>) per bird of unrestricted space to express natural behaviours and to roam about freely.
4. Manage vegetation in pasture area to allow for free movement, as well to encourage foraging. No synthetic fertilizers, chemicals, or prohibited substances will be applied to the pasture areas.
5. Monitor pasture area throughout season to ensure continuous access to quality vegetation, such as grasses, clover, and other mixed plant species. Rotation and reseeded will occur as needed to provide ongoing ground cover for the full duration of the pasture season.
6. Provide indoor shelter that is without cages or any barriers that restrict free movement within the barn, and that offers a minimum of 15% of floor space with litter cover to provide for dust bathing.
7. Ensure litter is kept dry to encourage animal health, and is replenished as needed.
8. Provide ample feed and access to water to ensure birds do not compete for resources and that all birds are well-nourished. The feed provided will be vegetarian, with no animal by-products added. Hens may supplement this with non-vegetarian sources through foraging on pasture.
9. Ensure hens are never treated with hormones or antibiotics.
10. Ensure flocks do not exceed 5,000 hens.