



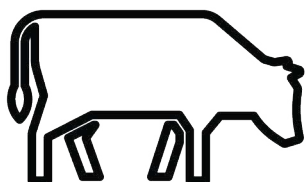
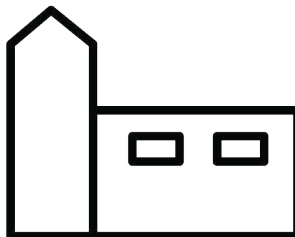
CAN MULTIPLE HANDLERS BE COVERED BY A SINGLE CERTIFICATION?

Under the USDA organic regulations, two operations cannot share organic certificates. This means that an uncertified operation may not process organic products on its own premises on behalf of a certified operation. For example, an uncertified independent slaughter facility cannot operate under a certified cattle ranch's organic certification or vice versa. Unless the operations are organized as a producer group, they must each hold their own independent certification.

Livestock

Facility

Product



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