

## Requirements for Poultry Producers

**This leaflet contains information relating to the procurement of poultry for organic egg and meat production.**

### Organic birds

**Organic poultry must be used where available.** To assist suppliers of organic birds, orders should be placed well in advance. Approval is not required for organic birds; however you must obtain a copy of the vendors Organic Certificate (and Trading Schedule if applicable) along with a copy of the veterinary history for the birds; an Organic Sector Livestock Transfer Document can be used for this (OF&G Record Sheet 16).

### Part-organic pullets

Requests for non-organic (part-organic) pullets will not be approved if suitable organic pullets are available. Part-organic pullets are birds brought in under 18 weeks of age which have been reared to the organic feed and veterinary standards from the time they arrive at the pullet rearing unit (provided they are no more than 3 days of age when arriving on that unit) are acceptable with prior approval from Defra, as below.

As confirmation that the part-organic pullets have been subject to the organic feed and veterinary standards during the rearing phase, the supplier must provide a declaration with each consignment to the effect that 'the pullets have been produced in accordance with the UK Organic Standards for feed and veterinary management'. These pullets are not regarded as organic birds as they were reared from non-organic stock, therefore they must undergo a six-week conversion period under full organic management before the eggs can be sold as organic.

### Non-organic chicks, goslings and ducklings

**Organic birds must be used where they are available.** Please ensure you give the supplier sufficient notice of your requirements. If you have to apply for approval to use non-organic birds please see the section below.

### Approval to use non-organic and part-organic birds

If you do have to apply for approval you must provide evidence to demonstrate that organic birds of the type and quantity you require are not available. To assist you with this requirement,

this leaflet includes a list of known organic or part-organic pullet rearers and suppliers of organic birds for egg and meat production. You must contact the relevant suppliers to check availability and suitability before you apply for an approval.

You must give the supplier sufficient notice when you are ordering organic birds, especially with seasonal birds such as turkeys and geese. Requests for non-organic birds will only be approved where you can demonstrate that the organic bird supplier cannot fulfil your requirements even though you have given them sufficient notice.

Requests for non-organic or part-organic birds must be approved by Defra prior to delivery of the birds. In order to ensure Defra have all the information required to approve the request this must be submitted on OF&G Record Sheet 21A from Appendix 1 of the OF&G Organic Standards and Certification Manual. Approval from Defra via notification from OF&G must be received before non-organic or part-organic birds are brought in.

The information in the table overleaf has been supplied by the companies listed. OF&G takes no responsibility or liability for errors. Inclusion in this list does not constitute a recommendation by OF&G.

Other sources of poultry:

<http://www.ofgorganic.org>

<http://www.soilassociation.org/organicmarketplace>

<http://www.organiccentrewales.org.uk/advertlist.php>

This list is not definitive, other poultry rearers may exist. Please check the OF&G website for the most up to date list, or if you know of anyone who wants adding to it, please contact OF&G.

**Before purchasing organic birds please ensure that they are covered by a valid certificate proving that they are organic. Suppliers cannot usually respond to last minute orders and must be given reasonable notice. An approval must be obtained from OF&G prior to ordering/purchasing any non-organic birds. Approval requests must be submitted to OF&G using OF&G Record Sheet 21A.**

**Organic requirements are in addition to other statutory requirements**

**Statutory information is for guidance only and is correct at time of going to print**



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## List of known pullet rearers supplying birds suitable for use on organic farms

Company	Contact	Address	Tel	Control Body	Breed	Quantity	Age	Status
Glenrath Farms		Whim Poultry Farm, Lamancha, West Linton, Tweedale EH46 8BD	01968 675598	OF&G	Various breeds	Phone to discuss	Approx 16 weeks	Part Organic
<a href="http://www.glenrathfarms.co.uk">www.glenrathfarms.co.uk</a>								
Noble Foods Ktd	Jean-Paul Michalski	Hive Lane, North Scarle, Lincs LN6 9HA	01522 778366		Lohmann Traditional, Hyline, other commercial breeds subject to availability	3000+ phone to discuss	Approx 16 weeks	Part Organic
<a href="http://www.noblefoods.co.uk">www.noblefoods.co.uk</a>								
Nantclyd Organics	Liz Findlay	Nantclyd, Llanilar, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 4SL	01974 241543	SA Cert	Amberlinks, other commercial breeds to order	Up to 500	POL	Organic
<a href="http://www.nantclydorganics.co.uk">www.nantclydorganics.co.uk</a>								
	Ben & Cathy Wetherden	Eastwood Farm, Hittisleigh, Exeter, Devon, EX6 6LW	07812 048323	SA Cert	Lohmann Classic, ISA Browns, Redco, Rhode Rock, Silver Link, White Leghorn, Blues, Maran, Cuckoo Maran, Copperhead Maran, Sussex,	Up to 6000	Up to POL	Organic
<a href="http://www.organicpullets.co.uk">www.organicpullets.co.uk</a>								
S & T Poultry		39 Windsor Drive, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire. PE13 3HJ	01945 585618 07885 718195	SA Cert	Various breeds	Phone to discuss	POL	Organic
<a href="http://www.sandtpoultry.co.uk">www.sandtpoultry.co.uk</a>								
Potters Poultry		Leigh Road, Swift Valley, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV21 1DS	01788 536161		Any breed to order	Phone to discuss	16 weeks	Part Organic
<a href="http://www.potterspoultry.co.uk">www.potterspoultry.co.uk</a>								
Country Fresh Pullets		Morton, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 8BH	01691 831020		All breeds	Phone to discuss	16 weeks	Part Organic
<a href="http://www.countryfreshpullets.com">www.countryfreshpullets.com</a>								
MJ Hayward & Sons	Alan Hayward	Green Farm, North Gorley, Fordingbridge. Hampshire, SP6 2PB	01425 652007 07785 931398		All commercial breeds	Any number	Up to POL	Part Organic
Hinchliffes	Andrew Arthurs	Sunnyside Farm, Netherton Moor Road, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, HD4 7LE	07917 220888		Any breed to order	Phone to discuss	16 weeks	Part Organic
<a href="http://www.hinchliffes.com">www.hinchliffes.com</a>								
The Tom Barron Group	Doug Kirby or Keith Kay	Square Lane, Catforth, Preston, Lancashire, PR4 0HQ	01772 690111		Novogen Brown	Phone to discuss		Part Organic
<a href="http://www.tombarron.co.uk">www.tombarron.co.uk</a>								



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JSR Services - Blairgowrie Ltd	John Retson	Isla Road, Altamount, Blairgowrie, PH10 6RR	07831 541703		Any Breed	Phone to discuss	POL	Part Organic
Thames Valley Foods Ltd	Sarah Meeds	Scopwick Mill, Scopwick Railway Station, Kirkby Green, Lincolnshire, LN4 3PQ	01526 378666	OF&G	British Blacktail, any breed to order	Up to 12000, phone to discuss	Up to 16 weeks	Organic and Part Organic
<a href="http://www.stonegate.co.uk">www.stonegate.co.uk</a>								
Cuckoo Farm Partners	Pat Taylor	Cuckoo Farm, Ketton, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 3UU	01780 722009	SA Cert	White Leghorns, coloured egg laying birds and any breed to order	150 to order	16 weeks	Organic
<a href="http://www.rutlandorganics.co.uk">www.rutlandorganics.co.uk</a>								

### List of known suppliers of organic table birds (inc. geese, ducks, etc.)

Company	Contact	Address	Tel	Control Body	Breed	Quantity	Age	Status
S & T Poultry		39 Windsor Drive, Wisbech, Cambs. PE13 3HJ	01945 585618 07885 718195	SA Cert	<b>Chickens</b> Sasso, WS <b>Ducks</b> White Commercial Meat Birds, White Commercial Egg Layers <b>Turkeys</b> Black, Bronze	Phone to discuss	Day old	Organic
<a href="http://www.sandtpoultry.co.uk">www.sandtpoultry.co.uk</a>								
Middle White-cleave	John Burns	Burrington, Umerleigh, Devon, EX37 9JN	01769 520506	OF&G	<b>Geese</b> Commercial White	Up to 200 Feb to June	Day old	Organic
<a href="http://www.organicgeese.co.uk">www.organicgeese.co.uk</a>								
Summer-hill Geese	Ben Moseley	Summerhill Farm, Hittisleigh, Exeter, Devon, EX6 6LP	01647 24250 07590 266902	SA Cert	<b>Geese</b> Embden Type/ Commercial White	2000+	Day old	Organic
<a href="http://www.organicgoslings.co.uk">www.organicgoslings.co.uk</a> <span style="float: right;"><b>In batches from April to July</b></span>								
Wonna-cott	Rosie Yells	Lewdown, Okehampton, Devon, EX20 4QU	01837 871238	SA Cert	<b>Turkeys</b> Norfolk Black	1000 per year	Day old, off heat, Poult	Organic
<a href="http://www.wonnacottfarm.co.uk">www.wonnacottfarm.co.uk</a> <span style="float: right;"><b>Day olds in May/June. Off heat in June /July</b></span>								
Cuckoo Farm Partners	Pat Taylor	Cuckoo Farm, Ketton, Stamford, Lincolnshire, PE9 3UU	01780 722009	SA Cert	<b>Turkeys</b> Norfolk Black, Cambridge Bronze, Bourbon Reds	1000 per week	Eggs, Day old, Poult	Organic
<a href="http://www.rutlandorganics.co.uk">www.rutlandorganics.co.uk</a>								

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