



PROGRAM Standards Amendment Proposals July 2024

Proposed changes to 2024 standards are listed below. Please send any comments you have on the proposed revisions to julie@agreenerworld.org no later than August 15, 2024. Any allowed transition periods will be noted below where applicable.

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| Certified Animal Welfare Approved by AGW Standards | 1 |
| Certified Grassfed by AGW Standards | 2 |
| Certified Non-GMO by AGW Standards | 2 |
| Certified Regenerative by AGW Standards | 3 |
| Further Processor and Distributor Standards | 4 |

1. Introduction (All Species) – Proposed inclusion of the Five Freedoms and Five Domains of animal welfare. o behaviors

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The premise of the AWA standards is that animals must be allowed to behave naturally **and are managed to meet the Five Freedoms and the Five Domains of animal welfare**. The following standards allow animals the opportunity to perform natural and instinctive behaviors essential to their health and well-being. Provisions are made to ensure social interaction, comfort, and physical and psychological well-being.

2. Manures and Fertilizers (All Species) – Proposal to make this standard required rather than recommended.

Current:

7.0.18 *Recommended* Manures and fertilizers that can have a negative effect on soil microbial life and/or which contain heavy metals should be avoided.

Proposed:

7.0.18 Manures and fertilizers that can have a negative effect on soil microbial life and/or which contain heavy metals **must** be avoided.

3. Castration (Beef Cattle and Meat

1.8.2 If products are labeled as Non-GMO* or Non-GE*, the following statement must be clearly legible somewhere on the packaging:

* Certified by AGW.

1.9.1 Producers must use the applicable logo on certified products unless otherwise specified.

must not use "Split" or "Dual" Systems; for example, in which some crops are simultaneously farmed in systems that meet *Certified Regenerative Standards* as well as systems that do not, or systems that include conventional cropping using inputs not allowed by *Certified Regenerative Standards*, alongside a field of crops that are farmed using regenerative techniques.