

Organic Allocation Policy

1. Objectives

Turkey Farmers of Ontario (TFO) is authorized under the *Farm Products Marketing Act* (FPMA) to require that turkeys be produced and marketed in accordance with a quota system and has the authority to fix and allot, refuse to fix and allot, and cancel or reduce or refuse to increase a quota for the producing or marketing of turkeys for any reason that it considers proper.

The purposes of this Policy are to:

- 1.1. To establish the process by which the organic allocation pool may be accessed and distributed among eligible organic producers;
- 1.2. To determine the number of years which an eligible organic producer may access the organic allocation pool;
- 1.3. The terms by which access to the organic allocation pool will be phased out.

2.0 Interpretation

2.1 In this Policy,

- a. “organic producer” means a quota holder which has organic certification
- b. “organic allocation pool” means the 219,521 kgs of marketing quota established from provincial allocation with the intent to support the organic market
- c. “producer” means the beneficial owner of registered premises in respect of which a basic quota has been fixed and allotted for the production and marketing of turkeys;

3.0 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 Any producer which holds valid and current organic certification may apply to access the organic allocation pool. Producers who apply for access to the Organic Pool and meet all eligibility requirements in the 2026–27 quota year shall be deemed Year 1 Participants under this policy.

4.0 Pool Structure and Distribution

- 4.1 Organic Pool kilograms shall be distributed as a single pool and distributed to eligible organic producers on a pro-rata basis.
- 4.2 Pool allocations shall not be segmented by category.

5.0 Determination of Pro-Rata Share

- 5.1 Each participant’s Basic Quota Holding directed to Organic Production as established in Year 1 shall form the basis for determining that participant’s pro-rata share of the Organic Pool for the duration of their participation in the program. Should the participant produce kilograms for the conventional market, a proportionate volume will be deducted from their Basic Quota Holding for calculation of the pro-rata share of the Organic Pool.
- 5.2 The Basic Quota Holding established in Year 1 shall remain fixed for allocation calculations, except as provided for in Section 4.

6.0 Adjustments to Basic Quota Holding

- 6.1 Where a participant acquires additional quota in subsequent years, the participant’s Year 1 Basic Quota Holding shall not be increased for the purpose of Organic Pool allocation calculations.
- 6.2 Where a participant disposes of quota, the participant’s Year 1 Basic Quota Holding shall be adjusted downward to reflect the reduction in owned quota.

7.0 Organic License Fees

- 7.1 Every organic producer shall pay to the commodity board license fees at the rate of \$0.05 per kilogram of organic marketing quota allotted.

- 7.2 The commodity board shall notify the organic producer by a statement setting out any organic license fees payable.
- 7.3 Every organic producer shall pay to the commodity board any organic license fees payable within 90 days of the date on the allocation notice and statement. Where any organic license fees payable are not received by the commodity board within 90 days of the statement date, the organic marketing quota allotted by the board shall be revoked.

8.0 Duration of Full Access

- 8.1 Participants shall receive unreduced access to their pro-rata share of the Organic Pool for a period of five (5) years commencing from their Year 1 participation.

9.0 Reduction and Phase-Out of Access

- 9.1 Beginning after the completion of the initial five (5)-year period, a reduction in Organic Pool access shall commence.
- 9.2 Reductions shall be implemented by decreasing each participant's Year 5 allocation in equal increments over a five (5)-year period.
- 9.3 At the conclusion of the reduction period, the participant's access to the Organic Pool shall be reduced to zero.

10.0 Review

- 10.1 This policy may be reviewed periodically by TFO, which may include an evaluation of whether the objectives of the policy are being achieved.
- 10.2 The commodity board may on occasion determine that it is appropriate to make specific orders and directions in relation to and as a supplemental to this policy for the purpose of better achieving the intended effect.

BY ORDER OF TURKEY FARMERS OF ONTARIO

DATED at Kitchener this 2nd day of July 2026.



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General Manager