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SUPPLIER APPROVAL PROGRAM STATEMENT

Each Supplier will receive a Supplier Expectations Manual with a list of required documents that need to be submitted to Grassland Corporate Quality. The Grassland Corporate Quality team will then review each supplier's documentation along with their 3rd party Food Safety Audit with corrective actions for program and FSMA compliance. A Supplier Scorecard will be completed annually for each supplier. Upon review, a status of Approved or Denied will be given along with the actions that must take place to become an Approved Supplier of Grassland Dairy Products. This review will take place on a yearly basis or as needed.

Once the documents are returned the data is also entered into the spec database. If criteria for approved supplier are satisfied, the supplier submits an ingredient or packaging specification to Grassland. The Grassland Corporate Quality team reviews the customer specifications and requests modifications as necessary. Following agreement on final specification the new supplier is added to the Schedule A if applicable, then added to the approved Supplier register.

Potential milk supplier patrons contact the Grassland milk procurement group. Grassland Milk Procurement contacts the relevant State Agency and requests an on-farm inspection to determine Grade A or Grade B status. Following final status and approval, Grassland Field Representatives initiate inspection coverage to monitor the new farm milk supplier. For outsource milk, Grade status is verified and approved through relevant State Agency documentation.

Purchasing is done onsite at Grassland Dairy Products, Inc.

No Ingredients or Packaging are approved until supplier has completed the Supplier Approval Program and are added to the approved supplier list unless otherwise stated above. This includes any Foreign supply, if applicable.

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