

# Current Temporary Variances



Temporary variances from the production and handling requirements of the USDA organic regulations may be granted by the Administrator for natural disasters declared by the Secretary, damage caused by severe weather, or other business interruption, or for the purpose of conducting research in organic production or handling. Procedures for requesting temporary variances are described in [NOP 2606: Processing Requests for Temporary Variances](#). 7 CFR Section 205.290 provides the full regulatory text regarding temporary variances.

The list of temporary variances that are currently in effect or that were denied is listed below. For a list of expired temporary variances, please visit <http://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic>.

2020 Allowed Temporary Variances						
Company / Producer	Location	Date of AMS Decision	Effective Date	Expiration	Certifying Agent	Remarks
Blake's Landing Farm	Marshall, California	1/16/2020	1/16/2020	12/31/2020	Marin Organic Certified Agriculture (MOCA)	<p>The temporary variance from §205.237(a) is for research purposes and restricted to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applies only to the organic livestock producer, Blake's Landing Farm, in Marshall, California.</li> <li>• No more than 45 of the operation's certified organic cows.</li> <li>• The operation may feed its certified organic cows non-organic <i>Asparagopsis taxiformis</i> for a period that must not exceed 60 days.</li> </ul>

## 2020 Denied Requests for Temporary Variances

Company / Producer	Location	Date of AMS Decision	Certifying Agent	Remarks

This table is updated when AMS Administrator decisions are issued.