

Farm/Ranch LLC Certificate of Authority & Initial Farm Report

Entity Information

Limited Liability Company Name:

Principal Executive Office Address:

City State Zip

Mailing Address: (If different)

City State Zip

Registered Agent

Commercial Noncommercial

Name:

Address if Noncommercial:

City State Zip

Formation Details

This LLC shall be effective:

When filed with the Secretary of State A specific date:

Perpetual Expires – Specify Date:

Nature of Business:

Organizers (send attachment if needed)

Individuals:

Organizations:

Registered in ND

Not Registered in ND

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Management and Members (send attachment if needed)

This LLC is: Member-managed Manager-managed Board-managed

List All **Individual Members** with Full Mailing Address (send attachment if needed)

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| Relationship: | U.S citizen | Permanent resident alien |
| | | % of interest |

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All managers and governors identified above are actively engaged in operating the farm/ranch.

List All **Trust or Estate Members** with Full Mailing Address (send attachment if needed)

Name of Trust or Estate:

Name of Beneficiary of Trust or Estate:

Full Mailing Address:

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| Trust | Estate | Relationship: |
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Membership Interests of Trusts and Estates (send attachment if needed)

Name of Trust of Estate:

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Membership Interest:

Owned or Leased Land (send attachment if needed)

This LLC Can demonstrate a bona fide intent and reasonable plan to purchase or lease
farm/ranch land in North Dakota in the near future

Owns or leases farm/ranch land in North Dakota

Enter the description of acreage owned/leased in ND by the LLC and used for farming/ranching.

Number of Acres: Section: Township:

Range: County:

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Range: County:

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Range: County:

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Range: County:

Name of Authorized Signer:

Date:

Directions

Limited Liability Company Name

There may not be a period after "LLC" nor may there be any spaces after the periods in "L.L.C."

The name may not be the same as, or deceptively similar to, any other business name, trade name, trademark, or service mark registered with the North Dakota Secretary of State.

Final determination for availability is made when a document is actually filed. Therefore, a business is advised to avoid investment or commitments in a business name until after a name registration is confirmed with the Secretary of State.

The name may not include such words as "bank", "banker", "banking", "trust", or "trust company", or any other similar words unless these articles are supported by a written approval for the use from the [North Dakota Department of Financial Institutions](#).

Registered Agent in North Dakota

A **commercial registered agent** must be registered as a commercial registered agent with the North Dakota Secretary of State. The appointed agent can verify the agent's status as a commercial registered agent from its acknowledged filing and from the list of commercial registered agents maintained on the Secretary of State's website at sos.nd.gov.

A **noncommercial registered agent** may be one of the following:

- An individual residing in North Dakota (including a member or an officer of this company),
- A domestic or foreign corporation, or
- A domestic or foreign LLC (although this company cannot serve as its own registered agent).

Seek the approval of the party before naming as the commercial or noncommercial registered agent. Proof of the approval is not required to be filed with the Secretary of State. Failure to seek consent from the party named as agent may result in involuntary termination of this company.

Formation Date

If a specific effective date is requested, but that date is earlier than when the Articles are reviewed and filed with the Secretary of State, the effective date will be the date the Articles are filed.

Organizers

An organizer that is an organization transacting business in North Dakota must be registered with the Secretary of State, be in good standing, and have a business address in North Dakota.

Members

Relationship

Individuals - Each member must be related to each other within one of the following degrees of kinship: parent, son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, grandparent, grandson, granddaughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, great-grandparent, great-grandchild, first cousin, second cousin, or the spouse of a person so related.

If the LLC only has one member, enter "N/A" for relationship.

Trusts - The above-mentioned degrees of kinship apply to the individual or class of individuals as beneficiaries of the trust as they relate to every member of the LLC.

Estates - The above-mentioned degrees of kinship apply to the decedent as the decedent was related to every member of the LLC.

Residing on or Operating the Farm/Ranch

At least one of the LLC's members must be an individual residing on or operating the farm or ranch.

A member is not required to contribute physical day-to-day labor to the farm/ranch and, if a member is actively engaged in farming/ranching, then no member is required to reside on the farm/ranch. "Actively engaged" may be satisfied through recurring contributions of management in relation to that farm/ranch operation. This may include making off-site management decisions or hiring others to perform the physical labor needed in the operation of that farm/ranch.