

ORGANIC CERTIFIERS

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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION PRODUCTION (CROPS)

BACKGROUND:

1. State your experience as an organic grower: _____

2. State the land address of your organic operation: _____

3. Show the location on an attached map (please use taxing authority map) and give directions to the site on a separate map: _____

4. List all crop(s) requested for certification: _____

5. State the total acres (or hectares) of your organic operation: _____
6. Have you managed this location for 3 or more years? Yes No. If no, you must submit signed statements from the previous manager or other evidence stating the use and all inputs applied during the previous 3 years on all newly rented or purchased fields.
7. Do you contract out any aspect of the organic operation for which certification is sought? Yes No. If yes, please attach all written agreements between you and the contracted operation.
8. List all substances, materials and inputs, used in the last 36 months (attach separate sheet, if necessary): _____

9. State any government registration (including the issued number) of your organic operation: _____
10. Please attach copies of any pesticide use reports for the location of your organic operation during the last 36 months: _____

11. State the total gross sales and quantity of product produced during the last 12 months from organic operations: _____
Do you understand that any production with gross agricultural income from organic sales totaling less than \$5,000 annually is exempt from NOP certification? Yes No.
12. Identify the purchaser(s) of your organic crop(s) (state name and address): _____

13. Will your crop(s) be marketed and sold in countries other than the U.S? Yes No.
If yes, please identify which countries: _____
14. Are any materials, ingredients, inputs or products used in your operation genetically engineered? Yes No. [For those inputs that may be at risk (eg corn seed), please produce signed statements from the producers or suppliers of inputs verifying that the input is not genetically engineered].

ORGANIC PRODUCTION OR HANDLING SYSTEM PLAN:

1. Do you operate a split operation (organic and non-organic)? Yes No.
If Yes:
 - (a) Describe practices established to prevent commingling of organic and non-organic products: _____

 - (b) Describe practices to prevent contact of organic operations and products with prohibited substances: _____

2. Describe boundaries or buffer zones surrounding the organic farm parcel: _____

3. Describe how you protect against erosion: _____

4. Describe practices of applying plant and animal materials to maintain or improve soil organic matter content (include composting methods): _____

5. Describe soil amendments and crop nutrients used: _____

- (a) List product brand name(s) and manufacturer(s): _____

- (b) List supplier(s) of product(s): _____

- (c) Describe use and application methods of product(s): _____

6. Describe the source(s) of seeds, annual seedlings, or planting stock used in your operation. Explain your attempts to locate organic sources when non-organic sources are used: _____

7. Describe your crop rotation methods (if applicable): _____

8. Describe practices to control crop pests: _____

9. Describe practices to control crop disease: _____

10. Describe practices of weed control: _____

11. Describe your irrigation system and irrigation methods used: _____

12. Describe equipment used for planting, tillage, spraying, and harvesting, including cleaning methods if used for both organic and non-organic farming: _____

13. Describe how your organic crops are harvested and the use or re-use of containers: _____

14. Describe practices for post-harvest handling and equipment: _____

15. Describe practices for storage of crops, identifying the location(s), labeling and cleaning methods of storage areas: _____

16. Describe practices for transport of crops, including method and mode of transport: _____

17. Describe the monitoring practices and procedures performed and maintained, including the frequency with which they will be performed, to verify your farm plan is effectively implemented (include any logs maintained of field activities): _____

18. Describe and attach any labels, labeling, and market information used in your organic operations: _____

19. Describe the recordkeeping system of your organic operations, including the manner in which records are maintained for the following (**ATTACH SAMPLE RECORDS**):
- Field activities:
 - Input records for soil amendments:
 - Use of seeds (including efforts to locate organic varieties):
 - Manure:
 - Foliar sprays:
 - Pest control product:
 - Compost production records:
 - Monitoring records:
 - Harvest records:
 - Sales records:
 - Storage records:
 - Transport records:

18. Do you have a policy of keeping your records for 5 years? Yes No.

19. What are the estimated yields of each crop:

ORGANIC

Estimated Yield	Crop

NON-ORGANIC

Estimated Yield	Crop

20. Other information that you feel will assist us with reviewing, inspecting and assessing your organic operations:

