

# ORGANIC CERTIFIERS

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## APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION PRODUCTION (CROPS) INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM ATTACHMENT

APPLICANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this application for certification under the International Program Standards, in addition to the USDA NOP Application for Certification Production (Crops).

### ORGANIC ECOSYSTEMS

#### Section 2.01 Ecosystem Management

1. What measures does your operation take to maintain and improve landscape and enhance biodiversity quality? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Does your operation clear primary (native) ecosystems?  YES or  NO

#### Section 2.02 Soil and Water Conservation

1. Does your operation burn native vegetation to prepare land?  YES or  NO  
If YES, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Is salinisation of the water and/or soil an issue with your operation?  
 YES or  NO  
If YES, what measures are taken to prevent or remedy the soil and/or water?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Does your operation deplete or excessively exploit water resources? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
3.a. How do you monitor any water you extract? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. How does your operation seek to preserve water quality? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
5. Does your operation recycle rainwater? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Section 2.03 Genetic Engineering**

1. What steps does your operation take to minimize risk of contamination with genetically modified organisms? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
2. For all non-organic inputs, does your operation have records verifying that the following were not produced with GMOs? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Variable	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	If NO, please explain:
Seeds			
Propagation Materials			
Herbicides			
Pesticides			
Fertilizers			
Soil Conditioners			
Other inputs:			

*Records must ensure that inputs can be traced back one step in the biological chain to the direct source organism from which they are produced to verify that they are not derived from GMOs.*

3. Describe any risk of contamination of organic product by GMOs resulting from circumstances beyond your control that may alter the organic status of the operation and/or product (i.e. drift, pollen, transgene plants or materials)?  
 YES or  NO. If YES, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
4. Is there any use of genetically modified inputs or seeds permitted on any part of the non-organic sites of split/parallel operations?  YES or  NO. If YES, please list which crops and locations: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**CROP PRODUCTION**

**Section 3.01 Conversion Period**

Not Applicable

1. Has the organic operation been under active organic management for at least 12 months prior to the application for certification?  YES or  NO
2. Attach **all records you have that evidence active organic management for the 12 months prior** to the date of this application. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section 3.02 Split Operations**

Not Applicable

*Split Production is where only part of the farm or processing unit is certified as organic. The remainder of the property can be non-organic (conventional, in conversion or organic but not certified) if clearly and continuously kept separate.*

1. For each critical point of the operation (list more if not included below), describe what measures are taken to safeguard the organic from contamination and/or commingling with non-organic:

Location (i.e. barriers and buffer zones): \_\_\_\_\_

Harvest: \_\_\_\_\_

Storage: \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping and Sales: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. How does your operation ensure that all equipment from conventional farming systems is thoroughly cleaned and/or purged of potentially contaminating materials before being used on organically managed areas? \_\_\_\_\_

Are equipment clean downs and/or purges recorded? (Attach records)

YES or  NO If NO, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

3. How do you instruct personnel to safeguard against contamination or commingling?

3.a. Is this understood at all levels of the operation?  YES or  NO

5. Do records clearly distinguish between certified and non-certified fields and products?  
 YES or  NO (Attach sample records)

6. Do records of non-organic field activities include information about the applications of all materials, including date, location, material and rate?

YES or  NO. (Attach sample records)

If NO, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Are any restricted and/or prohibited materials stored separately from approved materials?  
 YES or  NO If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
8. Describe and explain how the following type(s) of records distinguish between organic and non-organic:  
 Harvest: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Storage: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Shipping and Sales: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parallel Production**

Not Applicable

*Parallel production is any production where the same unit is growing the same products in both a certified organic system and a non-certified or non-organic system. A situation with “organic” and “in conversion” production of the same product is also parallel production. Parallel production is a special instance of split production.*

1. If you operate a parallel production: What are the parallel crops? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
2. How distant are the organic and the non-organic fields in parallel production? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are the crops/varieties visually distinguishable?  YES or  NO. If NO, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
4. What are the estimated dates of harvest for each parallel site? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
5. What are the yield estimates for organic crops: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parallel sites: \_\_\_\_\_
6. How is commingling and contamination prevented during:
- a. Harvest: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Storage: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Shipping: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Sales: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Section 3.04 Diversity in Crop Production**  Not Applicable

For perennial crops, does the operation introduce diverse or refuge plantings in the orchard or for orchard/plantation floor cover?  YES or  NO

**Section 3.05 Soil Fertility and Fertilization**

In addition to USDA/NOP standards, 205.203, the following shall apply:

Are any of these materials used? (Check which ones)

- Copper Salts     Gibberellic Acid     Humic Acids     Potassium Chloride  
 Sodium Nitrate (Chilean Nitrate)     Lignin Sulfonate     Potassium Bicarbonate  
 Manures containing Human Excrement  
 Synthetic nitrogenous fertilizers (including urea)  
 Peat is prohibited for soil conditioning

**Section 3.06 Pest, Disease, Weed, and Growth Management**

In addition to USDA/NOP standards, 205.206, materials and inputs shall be in accordance with USDA/NOP standards, 205.105, 205.601, and 205.602, IFOAM Basic Standards, Appendix 2, and EU Regulation No. 2092/91, Annex II.

1. Are any of the following prohibited materials used for pest, disease and weed control:  
 Synthetic pyrethroids     piperonyl butoxide synergist for pyrethrum;  
 metaldehyde     diammonium phosphate     ammonium soaps     ammonium carbonate     hydrogen peroxide;     boric acid.     Cooper (restricted see Appendix 2)
2. Is thermal sterilization of soils (restricted) used to combat pests and diseases?  
 YES or  NO If yes, describe method: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Are any soap(s) used?  YES or  NO  
If yes, are they only used in terms of pest, disease and weed control? If a soft soap is used, is it comprised of sodium and or potassium salts and fatty esters?  
 YES or  NO
4. Are any plastic or other synthetic mulch(s) or other agricultural plastic(s) (i.e. synthetic structures, mulches, fleeces, insect netting and silage wrapping) used to manage weeds?  
 YES or  NO
5. Are any of the plastics or synthetics made from polyvinyl chloride?  
 YES or  NO *Please note: only products based on polyethylene and polypropylene and other polycarbonates are permitted. These shall be removed from the soil after use and shall not be burned on the farmland.*
6. Are any of the plastics or synthetics burned for disposal?  YES or  NO

**SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**9.01 Social Justice Program**

Not Applicable

- 1. Does your operation have 10 or more employees?  YES or  NO
  
- 2. Does your operation have a social justice plan that addresses farm labor?  
 YES or  NO

If yes, please describe program: \_\_\_\_\_  
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