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# Section F: Weed Management Practices NOS 205.206

USDA organic regulations require producers to implement management practices to prevent weeds. These practices may include crop rotation, sanitation, cultural practices, mechanical methods, and physical methods. Preventive practices must be tried and found to be ineffective before the use of any materials to control weeds.

1. Which monitoring practices do you implement to determine the effectiveness of your weed management plan?

[ ]  Comparison of crop yields [ ]  Observation of crop health [ ]  Observation of weeds

[ ]  Other:

1. How often do you make these comparisons or observations?

1. Which preventive weed control strategies do you implement on your operation?

[ ]  Cover crop - Annual [ ]  Crop rotation

[ ]  Crop spacing [ ]  Field preparation

[ ]  Flame weeding [ ]  Hand weeding

[ ]  Mechanical cultivation [ ]  Mowing

[ ]  Natural mulch [ ]  Stale seed bed

[ ]  Other:

1. Do you use plastic mulch or silage tarps for weed control in an **annual** cropping system?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

* 1. If yes, describe how you ensure it is removed from the field at the end of the growing or harvest season?

1. Do you use plastic mulch or silage tarps for weed control in a **perennial** cropping system?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

* 1. If yes, describe how you ensure the plastic remains in sufficient condition that prevents decomposition into the soil.

1. Describe the records you maintain regarding your preventative weed management strategies.

1. Optional space for additional information:

List all weed control materials on your Input Material List. Materials must be approved by WSDA Organic Program prior to application on organic crops or land.