ORGANIC SYSTEM PLAN– CROP PRODUCERS

Section G. Pest Management Practices

USDA organic regulations require producers to implement management practices to prevent crop pests. These practices may include crop rotation, sanitation, cultural practices, mechanical methods, and physical methods.

1. Check the monitoring practices you implement to determine the effectiveness of your pest management plan.
   - Observation of crop health
   - Trap monitoring
   - Scouting program
   - Comparison of crop yields
   - Pest modeling
   - Other (please specify):

2. Describe the frequency of the pest monitoring activities on your farm.

3. Check which crop pests you manage on your farming operation.
   - Insects
   - Nematodes
   - Other (please specify):
   - Rodents
   - Mites
   - Birds
   - Slugs

4. Check the preventative pest control strategies you implement on your farming operation.
   - Crop rotation
   - Mating disruption
   - Companion planting
   - Insect/rodent traps
   - Timing of planting
   - Physical barriers
   - Structures for wildlife
   - Release of beneficials
   - Physical removal
   - Beneficial habitat
   - Trap crops
   - Other (please specify):
   - Resistant varieties

5. Describe the records you maintain regarding your preventative pest management efforts.

6. If preventive pest control strategies are not effective, do you plan to apply approved pest control materials?
   - Yes
   - No

Tip! Preventive practices must be implemented and found to be ineffective before the use of any materials to control crop pests. List all pest control materials you plan to use in the Materials Inventory.