Section H. Disease Management Practices [NOS 205.206]

USDA organic regulations require producers to implement management practices to prevent disease. 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 disease.

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

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

3. Check the disease preventive practices you implement on your farming operation.
   - [ ] Crop rotation
   - [ ] Companion planting
   - [ ] Field sanitation (physical removal)
   - [ ] Resistant varieties
   - [ ] Microbial products
   - [ ] Timing of planting/cultivating
   - [ ] Vector management
   - [ ] Compost
   - [ ] Soil solarization
   - [ ] Plant spacing
   - [ ] Compost tea
   - [ ] Irrigation water management
   - [ ] Other (please specify):

4. Describe the records you maintain regarding your preventative disease management strategies.

5. If disease prevention strategies are not effective, do you plan to apply approved disease control materials?
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No

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