**Business Name:**  **Cert No:**

# Section J: Harvest and Transportation NOS 205.270, 205.272

USDA organic regulations require that handling practices and procedures present no contamination risk to organic products from commingling with nonorganic products or contact with prohibited substances.

Procedures used to maintain the organic integrity of ingredients or products must be documented.

## Harvest

1. Who is responsible for harvest? Check all that apply

[ ]  Your business (Internal) [ ]  Contract buyer or customer

[ ]  Processor [ ]  Other:

1. Identify and describe the type of records maintained regarding harvest.

1. How are crops harvested? Check all that apply

[ ]  By hand [ ]  Mechanical

[ ]  Other:

1. What types of containers are used for harvest? Check all that apply

[ ]  Bulk trucks or trailer [ ]  Cardboard or waxed boxes [ ]  Picking bags

[ ]  Plastic bins [ ]  Wooden bins

[ ]  Other:

1. How do you ensure harvest containers do not contaminate crops? Check all that apply

[ ]  Cleaned prior to use [ ]  Lined prior to use

[ ]  Only new containers are used [ ]  Used for organic crops only

[ ]  Other:

* 1. If you marked *cleaned prior to use*, describe the type of records maintained to demonstrate harvest containers do not contaminate crops.

1. What type of material are harvest containers made of? *Check all that apply.*

[ ]  Plastic [ ]  Metal [ ]  Cloth [ ]  Wood [ ]  Cardboard

[ ]  Other:

1. Are all harvest containers permanently and clearly stamped with an organic designation?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

* 1. If no, how do you ensure harvest containers do not contaminate organic crops?

[ ]  Containers made of plastic, metal, or cloth are cleaned after use with nonorganic crops.

[ ]  Containers made of cardboard have not been exposed to prohibited materials.

[ ]  Containers made of wood are completely lined with plastic.

[ ]  Other – *Describe below:*

* 1. If no, describe the documentation maintained to verify harvest containers do not pose a risk of contamination.

1. Are you a tree fruit producer who receives nondedicated wood bins from a handler or processor?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

* 1. If yes, how do you and the handler or processor ensure the nondedicated wood bins do not contaminate organic tree fruit during harvest or post-harvest handling? *Both boxes must be checked for nondedicated wood bins to be used for tree fruit harvest.*

[ ]  Wood bins will not go into a dump tank at handler or processor.

[ ]  Wood bins are fully lined to prevent fruit from contacting the bin.

* 1. If yes, explain what documentation is provided by the handler or processor confirming how contamination is prevented when using the nondedicated wood bins they provided.

**The use or reuse of any bin, box, or container that was exposed to a prohibited material in the past is not allowed for use with organic crops,** unless the container can be and has been thoroughly cleaned and no longer poses a risk of contamination.

**Containers made of porous materials**, such as wood or cardboard, cannot be adequately cleaned after exposure to prohibited materials.

**Records must be available** at inspection regardless of responsible party to demonstrate there is not a risk of contamination from the reuse of a container that was previously drenched, fumigated, or otherwise exposed to prohibited organic materials.

## Transportation

1. How are certified products transported? Check all that apply

[ ]  Bins or totes [ ]  Bulk trailer [ ]  Cardboard boxes

[ ]  Other:

1. Who is responsible for the transportation of certified crops? Check all that apply

[ ]  Broker [ ]  Buyer [ ]  Self

[ ]  Warehouse or packer [ ]  Other:

1. How does your company ensure outgoing transport units are cleaned prior to loading loose or bulk certified products?

[ ]  Not applicable, only packaged products are shipped

[ ]  Clean out records

[ ]  Clean truck/equipment affidavits

[ ]  Other:

1. Are certified crops or products shipped in the same transport units as non-certified products?

[ ]  Yes [ ]  No

* 1. If yes, which practices are implemented to segregate certified products?

[ ]  Certified product sealed in impermeable containers

[ ]  Separate area in transport unit

[ ]  Use of separate pallets

[ ]  Other:

1. Are crops transported to a facility prior to receipt by buyers or packers? (e.g. hydrocooling, drying, cleaning, storage, consolidation)

[ ]  Yes – An [Additional Facilities and Third-Parties (AGR 2519](https://cms.agr.wa.gov/getmedia/21ca98fc-70f3-4875-b0ca-224c080e1bca/2519_Additional_Facilities_and_Third-Parties)) form is attached.

[ ]  No

1. Optional space for additional information: