## Section J. Harvest and Transportation

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

- Procedures used to maintain the organic integrity of ingredients or products (cleaning or lining) must be documented.
- Practices must prevent commingling of organic crops with conventional (noncertified) crops.

### Harvest

1. Who is responsible for the harvest of organic or transitional crops? **Check all that apply**
   - [ ] Self
   - [ ] Farm Employee
   - [ ] Contract buyer
   - [ ] U-Pick
   - [ ] Other (please specify):

2. Identify and describe the type of records maintained regarding the harvest of organic or transitional crops.

   **Tip!** Records regarding the harvest of organic or transitional crops produced on your farm must be available for review at annual inspections, regardless of the responsible party.

3. How are organic or transitional crops harvested?
   - [ ] Mechanical
   - [ ] By hand
   - [ ] Other (please specify):

4. What types of containers are used in the harvest of organic or transitional crops?
   - [ ] Bulk trucks/trailer
   - [ ] Wooden bins
   - [ ] Picking bags
   - [ ] Plastic bins
   - [ ] Cardboard/waxed boxes
   - [ ] Other (please specify):

5. How do you ensure harvest containers do not contaminate organic or transitional crops?
   - [ ] Only new containers are used
   - [ ] Used for organic crops only
   - [ ] Cleaned prior to use
   - [ ] Lined prior to use
   - [ ] Other (please specify):
6. Describe how you identify harvest containers for organic or transitional use.

Transportation

7. How are organic or transitional products transported off your farm?
   - [ ] Bins/Totes
   - [ ] Bulk trailer
   - [ ] Cardboard boxes
   - [ ] Other (please specify):

8. Who is responsible for the transportation of organic or transitional crops from your farm?
   - [ ] Self
   - [ ] Buyer
   - [ ] Broker
   - [ ] Warehouse/packer
   - [ ] Other (please specify):

9. Are organic or transitional products transported to a third party while in route to the end receiver (hydrocooling, drying, cleaning, storage, consolidation)?
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No
   9a. If yes, describe the practice, how contamination/commingling is prevented, and identify the responsible party.

10. How does your company ensure outgoing transport units are cleaned prior to loading loose, bulk organic products?
    - [ ] Not Applicable - Only packaged products are shipped
    - [ ] Clean out records
    - [ ] Clean truck/equipment affidavits
    - [ ] Other (please specify):

11. Are organic or transitional products shipped in the same transport units as non-organic products?
    - [ ] Yes
    - [ ] No
    11a. If yes, describe what steps are taken to segregate organic products.
         - [ ] Use of separate pallets
         - [ ] Separate area in transport unit
         - [ ] Organic product sealed in impermeable containers
         - [ ] Other (please specify):