



ORGANIC SYSTEM PLAN– CROP PRODUCERS

Business Name:	Certification Number:
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Section J. Harvest and Transportation

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USDA organic regulations requires 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):



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6. Describe how you identify harvest containers for organic or transitional use.

Transportation

7. How are organic or transitional products transported off your farm?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bins/Totes | <input type="checkbox"/> Cardboard boxes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bulk trailer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |

8. Who is responsible for the transportation of organic or transitional crops from your farm?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Self | <input type="checkbox"/> Warehouse/packer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buyer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broker | |

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?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable - Only packaged products are shipped | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean out records |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean truck/equipment affidavits | <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Use of separate pallets | <input type="checkbox"/> Separate area in transport unit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organic product sealed in impermeable containers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |