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Section A. Harvest and Transportation of Organic Crops

1. Does your company provide harvest containers to farms for organic products? ☐ Yes ☐ No

1a. If “Yes,” what types of containers are provided? ☐ Wood ☐ Plastic ☐ Other (specify):

1b. If “Yes,” check all that apply regarding the harvest containers:
☐ Only new or those that have not been in contact with any prohibited substances are used for organic crops.
☐ Containers were used for nonorganic products in the past, have been cleaned and are now dedicated to organic crops only.
☐ Containers are used for both nonorganic and organic crops and are cleaned prior to each organic use.
☐ Containers are used for both nonorganic and organic crops and are lined prior to each organic use.

1c. If “Yes,” describe how you ensure proper use of harvest container procedures (clean out, lining in place, etc.) and list the records maintained to verify procedures were implemented.

1d. If “Yes,” describe how farmers and your staff distinguish organic harvest containers from any nonorganic containers that you may also provide?

Tip! The use or reuse of any bin, box, or container that was exposed to prohibited materials in the past is prohibited, unless the container has been thoroughly cleaned and no longer poses a risk of contamination. Records must be available at inspection that demonstrates 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.

2. Does your company arrange for, or is your company responsible for, the harvest of organic crops? ☐ Yes ☐ No

2a. If “Yes,” how do you ensure there are no non-organic crop residues in harvest equipment?
☐ Equipment used for organic crops only ☐ Equipment is cleaned prior to organic crop harvest or use

2b. If “Yes,” what type of cleaning documentation is maintained?
☐ Clean truck/equipment affidavits ☐ Clean out records ☐ Other (specify):
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3. Does your company arrange for, or is your company responsible for, the transportation of organic crops? □ Yes □ No

3a. If “Yes,” how do you ensure there are no non-organic crop residues in transport equipment?
   □ Equipment used for organic crops only
   □ Equipment is cleaned prior to organic crop harvest or use

3b. What type of cleaning documentation is maintained?
   □ Clean truck/equipment affidavits
   □ Clean out records
   □ Other (specify):

Tip! Organic crops must be protected from contamination and the risk of commingling during harvest and transportation. Records related to the harvest and transportation of crops which you are responsible for must be available for review during your annual announced inspection.