



## NFC Maintenance of Organic Integrity

Operation Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NOP 205.201(a)(5) and 205.202(c)** The NOP requires operations must have distinct, defined boundaries and buffer zones to prevent the unintended application of a prohibited substance to the crop or contact with a prohibited substance applied to adjoining land that is not under organic management. Buffer zones may be cropped, but the crop harvested cannot be sold or represented as Organic.

### 1. BUFFERS

List specific buffer areas you maintain ☐ Not applicable (no buffers needed)

Locations/Field Numbers	Type of Buffer (crop land, treeline, hedgerow, grass strip etc.)	Width of buffer	Adjoining Land Use (Crop land, pasture, lawn, etc.)	If crops are harvested from buffer, describe use of buffer harvest

If you don't maintain buffers, explain \_\_\_\_\_

If you harvest buffers using the same equipment as to hire Organic crops, how do you prevent contamination from non-Organic crops from contacting Organic crops?

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Do you provide written notification to any of the following? ☐ none

☐ Highway departments ☐ electric companies ☐ aerial spray companies/airports ☐ adjoining landowners ☐ drainage commission  
☐ farm service office ☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

Is your farm mapped on a sensitive-crop spray prevention program (ie. Drift Watch)?

☐ Yes, list program \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ No

Do any of your fields flood frequently (more than once every ten years)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list fields \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have "Do Not Spray," signs posted at roadsides of your fields? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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## 2. MONITORING

### How do you monitor for crop contamination?

☐ visual observation ☐ GMO testing ☐ residue analysis ☐ photographs ☐ wind direction/speed data

☐ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you conduct monitoring for crop contamination? ☐ weekly ☐ monthly ☐ annually ☐ as needed

### Do you grow the same crops Organically, as well as in transition and or conventionally? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, this is considered 'Split production,' and this information must be listed on the CYFP and Field history. All crops needs to be listed along with their inputs as a part of your Organic system plan.

**NOP 205.272** requires the practices are in place to prevent potential commingling and contamination of Organic crops from non-Organic crops and prohibited materials. Equipment used for both Organic and non-Organic farming must be cleaned and flushed prior to use on Organic crops or fields. Storage practices must prevent potential commingling and contamination of Organic crops.

## 3. EQUIPMENT

☐ Not applicable (skip section)

Have you completed the equipment list? ☐ Yes, attached ☐ No

### Is equipment used for both Organic and non-Organic production (this includes transition and buffer)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Is your equipment maintained so that fuel, oil and hydraulic fluid does not leak? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not applicable

If you use a sprayer ☐ Not applicable

What type of sprayer \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ New ☐ used

If used, how was it cleaned prior to use with Organic crops? Include names of any cleaning products used.

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## 4. STORAGE

☐ Not applicable (skip section)

Have you completed the storage list? ☐ Yes, attached ☐ No

Do you use the same storage areas for Organic, transitional, buffer and or conventional crops? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how do you segregate Organic crops from non-Organic crops?

Explain \_\_\_\_\_

How do you clean storage units before storing Organic crops? \_\_\_\_\_

### Facility Pest Management

How do you prevent and managed insects, pests and rodents in crop storage areas? ☐ No problems

Explain \_\_\_\_\_

Do you use pest control products? Yes ☐ (attach Pest Control list) No ☐



## 5. FRAUD PREVENTION

NOP regulations section 205.201(a)(3) require operations to submit a description of the monitoring practices and procedures to be performed and maintained, including the frequency with which they will be performed, to verify that the plan is effectively implemented. This must include a description of the monitoring practices and procedures to verify suppliers in the supply chain and organic status of agricultural products received, and to prevent organic fraud, as appropriate to the certified operation's activities, scope, and complexity;

Do you have a fraud prevention system plan? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please submit a copy of your fraud prevention plan including a flow chart of your supply which identifies certified and uncertified suppliers. If you do not have a formal fraud prevention plan, please complete NFC documents 209 and 210.

Please check off actions you take to verify suppliers and prevent fraud in the market:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintain current organic certificates	<input type="checkbox"/>	Verify organic status of operation on the organic integrity database (OID)		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Verify and document organic status of incoming raw materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conduct residue testing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Supplier background verification
<input type="checkbox"/>	Verify quantities received with transaction or import certificates	<input type="checkbox"/>	Contract only certified warehouses		<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conduct training for personnel to detect inconsistencies in incoming materials		<input type="checkbox"/>	Visual inspection of incoming raw materials	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Verify documentation for shipment with organic certificates on file	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:		

How do you monitor that your fraud prevention plan is effective and implemented?


Do you source raw materials from uncertified handlers/brokers? ☐ No ☐ Yes. Please submit NFC document 87 (uncertified handler affidavit)

Are materials received from uncertified handlers/brokers in retail packaging? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are using uncertified handlers/brokers, how do you verify during receiving that incoming raw materials are only from approved organic suppliers on the OSP?
