



## ORGANIC SYSTEM PLAN– CROP PRODUCERS

Business Name:

Certification Number:

### 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 crops? *Check all that apply*

- Self    Contract buyer    U-Pick    Other (please specify):

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

2. How are organic crops harvested?

- Mechanical    By hand    Other (please specify):

3. What types of containers are used to harvest organic crops?

- Bulk trucks/trailer    Wooden bins  
 Picking bags    Plastic bins  
 Cardboard/waxed boxes    Other (please specify):

4. The harvest containers are:

- New    Used for organic crops only  
 Cleaned prior to use    Lined prior to use  
 Other (please specify):

5. Describe how you identify harvest containers as organic:



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### Transportation

6. How are organic products transported off your farm?

Bins/Totes

Cardboard boxes

Bulk trailer

Other (please specify):

7. Who is responsible for the transportation of organic crops from your farm?

Self

Warehouse/packer

Buyer

Other (please specify):

Broker

8. Are the organic products transported to a third party while in route to the end receiver (hydrocooling, storage, consolidation)?

Yes

No

8a. If yes, describe the practice and who is responsible for the activity.

9. 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):

10. Are organic products shipped in the same transport units as non-organic products?

Yes

No

10a. 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):