



ORGANIC SYSTEM PLAN – FEED AND FORAGE PRODUCERS

BUSINESS NAME:	CERTIFICATION NUMBER: (RENEWAL ONLY)
ORGANIC GROWER / PRODUCER NAME:	FARM LOCATION (COUNTY/STATE):

Section A. Seeds	[NOS 205.204]
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1. Check all sources of seed that may be used on your farming operation.
 - Save my own seeds Seed companies Provided through contract Custom seeded
 - Other (please specify):

2. Do you use non-organic seeds? *If no, skip to next section.*

Yes No

Tip! USDA organic regulations require use of organically grown seed (even when seeds are provided from a contract-buyer).

- ✓ Non-organically produced seeds may be used only if organic forms are not commercially available.
- ✓ Commercial availability is defined as “the ability to obtain a production input in an appropriate form, quality, or quantity to fulfill an essential function in a system of organic production or handling, as determined by the certifying agent in the course of reviewing the organic plan.”
- ✓ Producers should ensure that they are contacting at least three or more suppliers that offer organic varieties before deciding to use a non-organic untreated variety.
- ✓ If non-organic seeds are used, you must maintain records that show you first looked for an organic form.

3. Describe your attempts to source organic seeds. Include details of the records you maintain to demonstrate your ongoing attempts.

Tip! Genetically modified seeds and seeds treated with prohibited substances are not allowed. Non-GMO seed documentation is required only when varieties grown on your farm are also available in a GMO form. The following USDA website lists crop varieties which might be found in a GMO form in the US market:
http://www.aphis.usda.gov/biotechnology/petitions_table_pending.shtml

4. How do you verify that your seeds are not genetically modified (GMO)?
 - Varieties are not available in the market in a GMO form Letters from seed supplier Safe Seed Pledge
 - Other (please specify):



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5. How do you verify seeds are not treated, coated or inoculated with prohibited materials?

Tip! All seed treatments (coating, inoculants, pelletized) must be included in your Materials Inventory. Have a list of the non-organic seeds used each year, as well as documentation that they are not treated or genetically modified, at your annual inspection.