

## ORGANIC INFO

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## General Info

- How many acres are on the farm
  - Total Acres
    - Organic, Transition (if any), Conventional (if any)
    - Make sure farm maps match the OSP
      - Field name, buffer zone (NOP 205.202 (c)), acreage
- What crops are being grown?
  - Make sure to List ALL crops

## Organic Designations

### 100 Percent Organic

- All ingredients must be certified "Organic" by a designated certifying agency
- \*(may use USDA and/or certifier seal)



### Organic

- Must contain at least 95 percent organic products. Remaining 5 percent must be non-organic substances allowed on the National List
- \*(may use USDA and/or certifier seal)

### Made with Organic (ingredients)

- Must be at least 70 percent certified organic
- The remaining 30 percent must not contain any genetically modified product
- (may use certifier seal)

## Seeds and Seedlings

- Certified Organic seed and seedlings must be used if commercially available -NOP 205.204
  - untreated nonorganic non GMO seed can be used with proper documentation
  - Non organic perennials must be under organic management for one year before harvest
- Any seed planted must follow the rules
  - including cover crops and flowers for beneficial insects

## INPUTS

- Inputs must be listed on OSP
  - Source of Water
    - Water Test
  - OMRI Listed or Washington State Dept of Agriculture
  - Approved or Restricted
    - Restricted inputs can only be used as a last resort- NOP 205.206 (e)
- Crop
  - Pest and Disease Management
    - Mechanical or physical methods
    - Crop rotation
    - Soil and crop nutrient management practices

## Fertility

- Soil Fertility Management
  - Crop rotation
  - Cover crops
  - Manure Can be used as "raw manure" with proper waiting period (90-120 day Rule) -NOP 205.203 (c) (1)
  - Manure can be used composted- NOP 205.203 (c) (2)
    - C:N Ratio between 25:1 and 40:1
    - 131° and 170° for 5 days
      - static aerated pile system or in-vessel
    - 131° and 170° for 15 days
      - windrow composting system

## Livestock

- Animals must be managed organically from last third of gestation to produce Organic offspring.
- Poultry must be organic from second day after hatching
- Dairy cows must be organic for 1 year, except:
  - New herd clause – 80% organic feed for 9 months, 100% organic feed for the last 3 months

## Livestock

- Ruminants must have access to pasture
- Access to outdoors
- Operator must implement preventative health care practices
- All edible bedding material must be Organic
  - straw or hay

## Farm Inspection

- Review application and supporting documents
- Take an overall tour of farm
  - Fields and Greenhouse
  - Storage
  - Equipment
  - Transportation
  - Adjoining Land
  - Buffers
  - Water

## Farm Inspection

### Orderly Paperwork

- Farm should have paperwork for:
  - Field Maps
  - Activity Log
  - Harvest Records
  - Sales Records
  - Field History Sheets
  - Input Records
  - Storage Records
  - Labeling
- Audit trail is 60% of inspection
- Inspector should be able to track a product from Seed to Sales

## Livestock Inspection

- Same as farm inspection
  - Also Includes
    - Condition of animals
    - Pasture
    - Milk handling
    - Animal identification system
    - Feed
    - Housing
    - Handling for slaughter

## Livestock Inspection

- The audit trail must include same information as farm, plus:
  - Source of animal records
  - Animal health records
  - Breeding records
  - Organic feed purchase records
  - Manure management records

## Certification

- Practice Organic Farming
  - farm organically before certification apply as long as you have proper documentation
    - No Prohibited substances for the past 3 years
  - Maintain required records
  - Know your source of organic inputs
  - Inform neighbor farms