

CERTIFICATION ASSESSMENT ORGANIC

Complete this form and return it to the ICS office. If a particular question does not apply to your operation, mark "n/a".

1. General Information:

Organization:	
Contact Person:	
Address (City, State, Zip):	
Phone/Fax:	
Email:	

2. Place an "x" in front of the certification service(s) you are applying for:

	USDA-NOP Organic Certification: This certification is based on the requirements set forth by the USDA's National Organic Program (NOP). As per USDA requirements, certificates from USDA accredited certifiers will be accepted without the need for document reviews and/or certification transfers (contact the ICS office for details). International acceptance of the USDA-NOP will be based on government recognition.
	FVO Organic Certification: This certification meets the requirements set forth by the USDA's National Organic Program and additional requirements of the international marketplace. The FVO Program is accredited by IFOAM and meets all requirements of ISO65. As per these requirements, document reviews and/or certification transfers are necessary for processors and/or suppliers who are not FVO certified.
	Bio Suisse Facilitation: Allows ease of access to Swiss market.
	EC 834/2007 Equivalency: subject to additional requirements; required by some importers
	Canadian Organic Regime Certification: This certification meets the criteria of the Canada Organic Production Systems General Principles and Management Standards and the Organic Production Systems Permitted Substance List.

3. Where do you plan on marketing product?

	<i>United States</i>		<i>Canada</i>		<i>European Union</i>		<i>Japan</i>		<i>Other:</i>
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4. Certification History:

a) Are you currently certified? By whom? Which years?

b) Have you ever applied for certification or been certified in the past? If so, by which certifier and when?

c) Has your certification ever been denied, revoked or suspended from another certifier?

d) When was your first organic inspection?

e) Are you registered with your state if applicable? Yes No Not applicable

f) Have all required health/safety inspections been granted/renewed? Yes No Not applicable

5. Provide a general description of your operation and certification needs. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

6. How did you hear about us?

Growers

7. If you are not currently certified, when was the last application of a prohibited substance (i.e. herbicides, synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, etc.) applied to the land that you are requesting organic certification for?

8. Excluding seasonal help, do you and/or your family provide at least 75% of the labor on this farming operation?

9. Complete the chart below for all land that you farm (rented or owned):

<i>Organic Acres</i>	+	<i>Conversion Acres</i>	+	<i>Conventional Acres</i>	=	<i>Total Acres Farmed</i>	<i>Total # of Fields Farmed</i>
	+		+		=		

10. List all crops for which you are seeking ICS certification (inventory and/or new crop). If you have a greenhouse, indicate square feet rather than number of acres. ****Attach additional sheet if necessary.**

	<i>Crop Year</i>	<i>Name of Crop</i>	<i>Number of Acres</i>	<i>Is this a Cash Crop?</i>		<i>Crop Year</i>	<i>Name of Crop</i>	<i>Number of Acres</i>	<i>Is this a Cash Crop?</i>
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11. Do you have on farm processing? (Please briefly describe):

12. Will product be processed while it is under your ownership? If so, by whom? Are they certified? By whom?

13. Does this farm operation have livestock to be certified? If so, complete the table below.

<i>Type of Livestock</i>	<i>Beef</i>	<i>Dairy (milking + dried)</i>	<i>Dairy (Other) Please explain</i>	<i>Swine</i>	<i>Poultry</i>	<i>Sheep</i>	<i>Buffalo</i>	<i>Other:</i>
# of Livestock								

Non-Growers

14. Category:

<i>Processor/Manufacturer</i>	<i>Broker/Handler</i>	<i>Retail</i>	<i>Restaurant</i>	<i>Other:</i>
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15. Do you handle or process non-organic product?

16. Do you take ownership of the organic product you process and/or handle?

17. Do you repack product?

18. How many equipment lines will be used for organic product?

19. How many facilities (processing, storage, etc.) need inspection? Please explain.

20. Do you provide Private labeling for organic product? If so, to how many companies?

21. How many labels bearing the name and/or logo of an ICS program will need to be reviewed?

a) *Bulk:* b) *Packaged (retail-ready):*

22. What quantity of organic product do you expect to produce/handle this year?

a) *Volume of Bulk Product (pounds, liters, etc):* b) *Number of Consumer packages:*

23. How many Product Specification Sheets (Ingredient Statements) will you need?

a) *Single Ingredient:* b) *Multi Ingredient:*

24. Restaurants Only: How many organic items will appear on the menu?

25. International Grower Groups Only: Number of growers in the International Project and distance between growers:

I confirm that the information provided on this Certification Assessment is accurate and complete.

Signature:	Date:
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