

## SECTION 15: Pest, Disease and Weed Management §205.206, §205.600-602, §205.103

1. Describe how you monitor your pest management program.

- ☐ Observation of crop health      ☐ Comparison of crop yields      ☐ Trap monitoring      ☐ Scouting program
- ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

2. Describe the frequency of your above monitoring practices and the records you maintain for insect, weed, disease and animal management on your farm.

**Please Note:** USDA organic regulations require that organic producers implement farm management practices that prevent weeds, disease and pest. Management practices may include cultural practices, mechanical methods, and physical methods. Preventive practices must be tried and found to be ineffective before the use of any materials to control weeds, disease and pest. If preventative pest control strategies are not effective and you plan on applying pest control materials, please make sure that the materials used for pest control are listed on your material use table.

### Preventative Insect, Weed, Disease and Animal Management:

3. Check the preventative **insect** control strategies you implement on your operation:

- ☐ Crop Rotation      ☐ Physical Barriers      ☐ Physical Removal      ☐ Beneficial Insects      ☐ Insect/Rodent Traps
- ☐ Companion Planting      ☐ Repellants      ☐ Habitat for Beneficial Organisms      ☐ Timing of Planting
- ☐ Resistant Varieties      ☐ Scare Tactics      ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

4. Check the preventative **weed** control strategies you implement on your operation:

- ☐ Mowing      ☐ Mechanical Cultivation      ☐ Crop Rotation      ☐ Natural Mulch
- ☐ Plastic Mulch      ☐ Cover Crops      ☐ Hand Weeding      ☐ Livestock/Poultry Grazing
- ☐ Flame Weeding      ☐ Stale Seed Bed      ☐ Recycled Paper/Cardboard
- ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

4a. If you use plastic or other synthetic mulches, is the mulch removed at the end of each growing season?

- ☐ Yes    ☐ No    ☐ N/A

4b. If you are using recycled paper products for mulch, are you removing gloss or colored paper before field application?

- ☐ Yes    ☐ No    ☐ N/A

5. Check the preventative **disease** control strategies you implement on your operation:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Crop Rotation                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Disease Resistant Varieties | <input type="checkbox"/> Microbial Treatments | <input type="checkbox"/> Companion Plantings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Sanitation              | <input type="checkbox"/> Water/Irrigation Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Solarization    | <input type="checkbox"/> Crop Spacing        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____ |  |   |  |

6. Check which types of animals you are trying to control on your farm:

- ☐ Deer   ☐ Birds/Turkeys   ☐ Rodents   ☐ Small Animals   ☐ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

7. Indicate the preventative practices you have implemented to control animal pressure in your grow areas: