|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Operation Name:** |  | **Date:** |  |

1. **Preventative Pest Management Strategies**

## *Preventative management practices such as crop rotations and nutrient management in addition to mechanical and physical controls are required to manage insects, diseases and weeds prior to the use of biological or botanical substances (materials) or those included on the National List of synthetic substances allowed for use in organic crop production.*

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Check the strategies you use to prevent or control pests:** | Weeds | Insects &invertebrates | Diseases &nematodes | Vertebratepests |
| Crop rotation (describe in G4.0) | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Cover cropping | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Strip cropping, interplanting or planting mixed species | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Trap crops  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Crop nutrient management  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Sanitation, cleaning up debris, nesting areas, removal of disease vectors, weed seed sources, etc. | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Growing location | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Timing of planting | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Resistant varieties or rootstock | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Remove pest by hand (hoeing, pruning, picking, vacuum) | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Mechanical cultivation (disc, plow, harrow, rototill, etc.) | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Mowing or grazing | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Irrigation method (drip, furrow, etc.) or management | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Mulching with biodegradable materials | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Non-PVC plastic or synthetic mulches, or solarization | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Plant beneficial habitat areas | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Construct predator habitat (owl nests, perches, etc.) | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Release beneficial organisms | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Construct barriers (fences, raised platforms, etc.) | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Traps | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Flaming | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |
| Other physical or mechanical means (describe): |  |
| Burning crop residue (complete C below) | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  | [ ]  |

## Materials for Controlling Weeds, Insects, or Diseases

## Do you use materials for controlling weeds, insects, or diseases?

## [ ]  No materials used. Skip to section C. [ ]  Yes. List all materials on your [Grower Materials Application (OSP Materials List)](https://www.ccof.org/resource/grower-materials-application-osp-materials-list).

## *An allowed synthetic material may be used if it is on the National List and if the conditions for using the material are documented in the Organic System Plan.*

1. Describe the conditions that must exist before you will resort to using materials for weed, insect or disease control:

[ ]  When preventative measures/controls described above fail [ ]  When economic thresholds for pest damage are exceeded

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| [ ]  Other (describe): |  |

1. **Burning Crop Residues**
2. Do you burn crop residues?

[ ]  No. Stop, this form is complete. [ ]  Yes, complete this section.

*Burning may not be used as a means to dispose of crop residues. However, it may be used to suppress diseases or stimulate seed germination. Crop residues are defined as the plant parts remaining in a field after the harvest of a crop, which includes stalks, stems, leaves, roots and weeds.*

1. What crop residues do you burn, and how often do you burn them?

|  |
| --- |
|  |

1. What diseases are to be suppressed, or which specific seeds are to be germinated?

|  |
| --- |
|  |