Operation Name: _____ **Date:** _____

You must use organically grown seeds, annual seedlings, and planting stock. *Non-organic seeds and planting stock may be used when equivalent organic varieties are not commercially available.*

A. Seeds & Planting Stock

Mark all of the following that you use or plan to use in organic production:

☐ Not applicable. No seed, annual seedlings, or planting stock used or planned for use at my organic operation. Stop, do not complete this form.

1) **Seeds:** *Mark "with treatment" if your seed is fungicide/insecticide treated OR if there are other materials that remain on the seed when planted, such as inoculants, pelleting materials, coating/priming/encrusting materials, etc.)*

☐ None used ☐ Organic (untreated) ☐ Organic (with treatment)

☐ Non-organic (untreated) ☐ Non-organic (with treatment)

2) **Annual seedlings (transplants):** *An annual seedling is a plant grown from seed that will complete its life cycle or produce a harvestable yield within the same crop year or season in which it was planted. Annual seedlings must be organic.*

☐ None used ☐ Purchase certified organic seedlings. Attach organic certificate for each supplier.

☐ Produce own organic seedlings. Describe in **G3.1 Container & Greenhouse/Shadehouse Production**

3) **Planting stock:** *Planting stock is any plant or plant tissue other than annual seedlings, but including rhizomes, shoots, cuttings, roots, or tubers, that is used in plant production or propagation (e.g. perennial stock, strawberry crowns, raspberry canes, potato eyes, etc).*

☐ None used. Skip to section B. ☐ Organic. Skip to section B. ☐ Non-organic. Complete this section.

a) Do you use non-organic planting stock to produce **an organic crop** (for example, plant non-organic planting stock in an organic system to grow fruit or nuts for harvest and sale as organic)?

☐ No. Skip to question 3b below. ☐ Yes. Complete this section.

To be sold as organic, crops from non-organic planting stock must be produced on plant material grown under organic management.

i) For the non-organic planting stock you use to produce an organic crop, explain how you ensure that new vegetative, flowering, and fruiting growth occurs under organic management prior to the first organic harvest.

☐ No crop harvested for organic sale during the first season or crop year.

☐ Pruning/removal of non-organic plant material. ☐ Harvest and sell as non-organic (attach a description).

☐ Other (describe): _____

b) Do you use or grow out non-organic planting stock to produce **planting stock to be sold as organic** (e.g. for sale as whole plants or plant propagation material)?

☐ No. Skip to section B. ☐ Yes. Complete this section.

Non-organic planting stock used to produce a perennial crop must be managed organically for at least one year before it is sold as organic planting stock.

i) Is the non-organic planting stock maintained under a system of organic management for at least one year, prior to sale of the planting stock as "organic"?

☐ Yes. Describe in **G3.1 Container & Greenhouse/Shadehouse Production**.

B. Commercial Availability

*Non-organic seed or planting stock **may only be used when an equivalent organic variety is not commercially available**, except that organic seed must always be used to produce edible sprouts.*

***Commercial availability** is the ability to obtain seed or planting stock in an appropriate **form**, **quality**, or **quantity** to fulfill an essential function in your organic system. Price cannot be a consideration for determination of commercial availability.*

*An **equivalent organic variety** is a variety of the same type (e.g. head lettuce types versus leaf lettuce types), or one with similar agronomic or marketing characteristics needed to meet your site-specific requirements (e.g. days until harvest; color, flavor, moisture, chemical or nutrient profiles of the crop; vigor or yield; regional adaptation; disease and pest resistance; utility in crop rotation, etc).*

1) Before using non-organic seed and/or planting stock, do you evaluate whether an equivalent organic variety is available in the form, quality, or quantity needed for your operation?

☐ Not applicable, my operation uses all organic seed and/or planting stock at this time. Skip to section D.

☐ Yes. Complete this section.

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a) For **all** seed and/or planting stock used at your organic operation, what **general** characteristics (form, quality, quantity) do you require? *The **specific** form, quality, and quantity considerations you use to evaluate commercial availability of **each crop** must be documented in your records.*

☐ Available as untreated seed ☐ Available with allowed treatment (e.g. pelleting, inoculant)
☐ Available as bare root nursery stock ☐ Germination rate ☐ Drought tolerance ☐ Pest or disease resistance
☐ Regional adaptation ☐ Greater crop yield ☐ Bulk quantities available ☐ Small quantities available
☐ Other (describe):

2) How do you determine whether an equivalent organic variety is available in the form, quality, and quantity needed for your operation?

☐ Check with at least three suppliers known to offer organic seed and/or planting stock.
☐ Another entity searches on my behalf (e.g. crops grown on contract, seed broker/distributor) and checks with at least three suppliers known to offer organic seed and/or planting stock.
☐ Other (describe):

3) What type of commercial availability records do you keep?

Records must document the crop, names of suppliers contacted, your operation's site-specific requirements for the crop, and whether an equivalent organic variety meeting those requirements was available in the form, quality, and quantity you needed. Sample recordkeeping forms, including a commercial availability search record, are available at www.ccof.org/recordkeeping.

☐ I maintain records of my searches, which include the information listed above.
☐ I maintain documentation from the entity that searches on my behalf (e.g. crops grown on contract, seed broker/distributor), which include the information above.
☐ Other (describe):

C. Genetic Modification (GMO)

☐ Not applicable, all seed and/or planting stock is organic. Skip to section D.

Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) are not allowed in organic production.

1) How do you document that non-organic seeds and/or planting stock are not genetically modified?

☐ Non-GMO statement from the supplier ☐ Catalog statement
☐ Other (describe):

D. Seed Treatments

☐ Not applicable, no seed treatments used. Skip to section E.

All materials, including seed treatments, must be approved by CCOF for your operation prior to use.

1) For all seed treatments (pelletized, coated, primed, fungicide, insecticide, inoculated), how do you verify that the treatment uses only allowed materials and is non-GMO?

☐ OMRI or WSDA listing ☐ Approval by CCOF

2) Are all seed treatment materials included on your **Grower Materials Application (OSP Materials List)**? ☐ Yes

E. Grafting

1) Does your operation graft planting stock?

☐ No. Stop this form is complete. ☐ Yes. List all materials on your **Grower Materials Application (OSP Materials List)**.

a) Describe grafting practices:

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