

NASAA CERTIFIED ORGANIC (NCO) GROWER GROUP

Organic Management Plan

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NAME.....

Certification number.....

1. Physical Locations of ALL parts of Grower Group (eg control system, all villages)

Name of Village	Location of Village	Number of Hectares

Is your operation certified with another certifier? If so, who.....

How long has the Grower Group existed?

How long has the Grower Group been farming organically?.....

PLEASE LIST **ALL** CROPS REQUESTED FOR NASAA Certified Organic (NCO) CERTIFICATION:

CROP	Area produced eg village

State number of farmers currently in group per location

Name of Village	Current Certified Organic Farmer Numbers	Current In-Conversion Farmer Numbers	New Farmers Entering The Group Since Last Inspection

2. INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEM

A Grower Group is a system, where a number of farmers with small landholdings can be certified by NCO as a Group. The Grower Group must be closely managed by the NCO licensee. It must have a clear Internal Control System. When NCO inspects annually it is mostly inspecting the management of the Internal Control System. The elements below are key aspects of the sort of Internal Control System which is required, if NCO is to certify the applicant.

2.1 LISTS

Does the Internal Control System maintain lists which detail the following for each grower

ITEM	Yes/No	COMMENTS
Permanent Identification Number		
Farmer Name		
Year of Entrance to organic program		
Location		
No of hectares		
Yield Records		
Cash Crops		
Last Internal Inspection		
Last NCO Inspection of Growers		
Details of Training Sessions		

NB NCO will need to obtain from the applicant a COMPLETE set of up-to-date lists when it inspects the operation. (No other producers may be added between inspections so it is important that full up-to-date lists are supplied at the inspection).

2.2 MAPS & MARKERS

Please supply or describe the maps you have for this application. (NB The maps must be detailed enough to locate each individual grower). Maps should also note areas where neighbouring activities may provide a risk.

Describe

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2.3 INSPECTIONS

Do you carry out Annual Internal Inspections of ALL growers each 12 months?

Does your documentation record the date and details of such inspections?

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2.4 STANDARDS COMPLIANCE

If you carry out Annual Inspections of the Growers, how do you check that they are complying with organic Standards?

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How do you deal with instances where a Grower is not complying with organic Standards?

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Do you update Lists when a Grower is excluded from the Group?.....

2.5 CONTRACT BETWEEN LICENSEE AND PRODUCER

Is there a written contract with EACH Grower confirming the Grower's understanding and compliance with the NASAA Standards?

Does each Grower have a copy of the NASAA Concise Organic Standards translated into a language that they can understand?

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If no to either of these questions, when do you anticipate that these requirements will be completed?

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2.6 EXTENSION WORKERS/EDUCATION PROGRAM

How many full time equivalent Extension Workers are there per thousand Growers?

What is their name and what are their tasks?

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2.7 DIVERSITY OF THE GROWER GROUP

How many products does the Grower Group produce?.....

How large (in acres or hectares) is the area farmed by the Grower Group?

What percentage of the total inhabitants of the area are involved in the Grower Group?

Please supply a flowchart showing your INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEM with your application.

Your flow-chart only needs to include the appropriate steps within your own system.

3. SITE & FIELD INFORMATION

3.1 PROCESSING, STORAGE, TRANSPORT, MARKETING

Please list all processing facilities, both on and off-farm

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How do you transport produce?

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How and where do you store produce?

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Does the Grower Group utilise centralised processing, distribution, and marketing facilities and systems?

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3.2 SOILS AND SOIL FERTILITY

Please describe the physical characteristics of the soil, eg soil type, drainage, moisture etc

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What methods of cultivation are employed?.....

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Are recent nutrient soil tests carried out?.....

Do you use compost? Yes No What are the compost ingredients?

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What is the source of compost material?

Are animals used in fertility management? Describe.....

What feed are animals given?

Are animals treated with any treatments?.....Comment.....

Is raw animal manure used? Specify.....

What is the source of the manure?.....

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What other fertility inputs commonly used by members of the grower group?.....

Type	Rate	Frequency

3.3 SEEDS, SEEDLINGS AND PROPAGATIVE MATERIAL

Where or how do you source seeds, seedlings and propagative material?

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3.4 CROP ROTATION

Do you rotate crops?

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3.5 WATER

How do you irrigate your crops? What is the source of the water used?

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3.6 WEED MANAGEMENT

How do you manage weed species?.....

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3.7 PEST MANAGEMENT

How do you manage pests?.....

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3.8 DISEASE MANAGEMENT

How do you manage diseases?

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