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Worksheet 2T.4: How Close Am I to Farming Organically, Crops? (<http://misadocuments.info/2T.4HowCloseToOrganicCrops.pdf>)

HOW CLOSE AM I TO FARMING ORGANICALLY, CROPS?

Complete this worksheet for your current crop rotation. Check the appropriate box to indicate if you are generally using conventional or organic management for each cropping system practice. Use the notes section to identify specific practices, inputs and equipment that you need to make the transition from conventional to organic management for each practice. Next, answer the cropping questions listed. This worksheet is meant to provide a general snapshot of your current management status; the more check marks you have in the organic management column, the less you will need to change to become certified.

Crop Production Practice Areas	Manage/Source Conventionally	Manage/Source Organically	Notes
Soil fertility			
Water management			
Weed management			
Insect management			
Disease management			
Seed			
Other inputs			
Storage			

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TASK 2

1. Do you have a soil-building rotation for all fields? Please explain:

2. Do you have adequate buffers in place for all fields that adjoin land not under your control?

3. Do you maintain production records for all fields and enterprises?

4. Date of last application of a prohibited substance not allowed under organic certification (e.g., non-approved pesticides or synthetic fertilizers):

NEED HELP ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS?

Check out the following publications:

Documentation Forms for Organic Crop and Livestock Producers. March 2011. Baier, A. USDA and ATTRA.

<https://attra.ncat.org/organic.html>.

The Organic Farming Manual: A Comprehensive Guide to Starting and Running a Certified Organic Farm. March 2010.

Hansen, A. L. Storey Publishing. www.storey.com.