ORGANIC VEGETABLE OPERATION RECORD KEEPING SYSTEMS*

The National Organic Program's (NOP) Organic Rule §205.103 states that "a certified operation must maintain records for production, harvesting and handling of organic agricultural products...". These records must "be adapted to the particular business that the certified operation is conducting; fully disclose all activities and transactions of the certified operation in sufficient detail as to be readily understood and audited; be maintained for not less than 5 years; and be sufficient to demonstrate compliance" with the Final Organic Rule itself. These records must be "available for inspection and copying during normal business hours" by the organic inspector or other authorized representatives.

Because vegetable operations vary widely in the types of crops grown, amount of acreage, number and size of fields in production, and marketing through farmers markets, on-farm stands, CSA and/or wholesale, it is difficult to create a template or system that fits all types of certified organic vegetable operations. The record keeping system presented below attempts to walk organic vegetable growers through recordkeeping options to develop systems of records pertinent to their specific operations. The requirements for each type of record are given and an example of that type of record is shown.

Vegetable farm records that meet NOP requirements can be grouped into the following categories:

- 1. Farm and field maps
- 2. Field history sheets
- 3. Seed purchase records
- 4. Input records (soil amendments, foliar sprays, pest control products, compost production record)
- 5. Activity logs
- 6. Harvest records
- 7. Storage records
- 8. Lot numbering system for wholesale sales
- 9. Sales records
- 10. Other records

The operation's record keeping system must be sufficient to be "readily understood and audited". In other words, the ability must exist to trace each crop from field to harvest, storage and sales, including the application of soil amendments, pest or disease control products, and other inputs. You need to be able to track crops to your farm or fields and show how they were grown. The records specifically relating to "audit trail" for your operation are field history sheets, harvest, storage and sales records, (including a lot number for operations that sell wholesale, if applicable). Other records listed above verify compliance of specific standards in the rule, such as the use of organic seeds.

Not every operation needs all of the records listed above. As a certified organic producer, you need to determine which types of records you need, so that your records are "adapted to your operation" and "disclose your activities and transactions".

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General Tips:

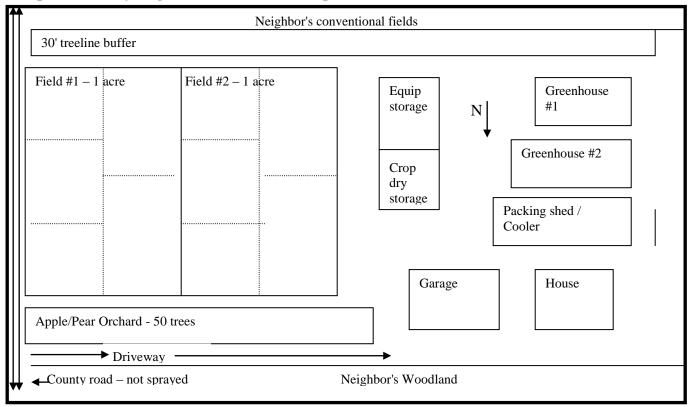
- 1. Develop generic record templates, typing or writing as much information as possible, so that you need only check a column, write in a date, or record an amount.
- 2. Keep the records relevant and simple. They should be useful to you in making management decisions as well as showing compliance to the Organic Rule.
- 3. Keep the record in a location that is accessible to use. For example, keep the cooler log outside the cooler door. When you put vegetables into the cooler or take them out, it is easy to quickly check the amounts and date.
- 4. Keep records up to date. It is much harder to go back and reconstruct records after the fact.
- 5. At the end of the year or season, gather all records from clipboards and file them in a ring binder.
- 6. Review last year's records when making plans for the coming season.
- 7. Modify or improve your records over time. Discard useless records and incorporate new ones.

STEP 1: Develop or draw a farm map. Start with an FSA, NRCS, plat map, surveyors map, or hand or computer drawn map of your farm or fields. Mark all fields, roads, and adjoining land uses such as conventional fields, pastures or neighboring residences. Indicate locations of wild areas such as woodlands, beneficial habitat areas, and other landmarks. Mark on the map areas where you maintain permanent waterways, windbreaks, retention ponds, buffer zones, or other landmarks. Each field or plot should be numbered. Show relevant farm buildings. Indicate which direction is "North". The size or acreage can be added if there is room. Boundaries should be clearly delineated. See Sample # 1.

Tips:

- 1. Do not use color markers, as these maps are copied and the colors do not show when copied.
- 2. Do not show individual annual crops on this general farm map. Annual crops change from year to year.
- 3. Minimize changing field acreages and field numbers from year to year.

Sample 1: Wiscoy Organic Produce Farm Map



STEP 2: Develop field history sheets. You may be required to use the field history sheets provided by the certifying agent as part of the Organic Farm Plan questionnaire. The certifier's forms may prove difficult to use as they are often designed for fields where single crops are grown. Because they are filled out prior to planting, the Field History Sheet attached to your Organic Farm Plan application may not be totally accurate. The certifying agent's field history sheet can be filled out with general categories of vegetable crops, such as brassicas, sweet corn, greens, or alliums, listing all soil amendment and/or pest or disease control inputs used on that field. This record is used by the inspector to verify that the crops you actually plant correspond to the crops you stated in the Organic Farm Plan. It is also used to determine the actual crops and fields you are requesting for certification, the year of organic eligibility for new fields, and to assess your crop rotation and soil fertility program.

Sample 2a: Field History Sheet in your Organic Farm Plan Questionnaire

Year: <u>2003</u>

	O-Organic		Inputs				
Field #	T-Transitional C- Conventional	Acreage	Crops	Input	Date of Use	Rate of Use	Expected Yield
			Mixed	Cow manure		50 lb/600 sq. ft.	
#1	О	1.0	vegetables	Lime	11/03	25 lb/600 sq.ft.	Variable
		.75	Sweet corn	Cow manure			
#2	О	.25	Squash	Lime	11/03	1 ton/acre	Variable
			25 Pear and				250
Orchard	О	50 trees	25 Apple	Cow manure	11/03	200 lb/acre	bushels

If you grow multiple types of crops in a single field, a good way to track crops grown is to draw an individual field map for each field, delineating plots, rows or beds. Number each plot, row or bed. An example of a numbering system is Field #1-1, #1-2, #1-3, Field #2-1, #2-2, #2-3, etc, where a 1-acre field is divided into plots and then into beds. All plots or beds growing the same crops and receiving the same inputs can be tracked together, rather than tracking every plot or bed separately.

Once you have designed the blank template map, make copies. This detailed field record, showing plots, rows or beds, is your key to a simple record keeping system. The template can be used as an activity log showing dates of plantings; as an input use record showing applications of foliar sprays, pest or disease control products, and soil amendments, as a harvest record. Record the activity or product and date in the appropriate bed or row. If you have employees, interns or volunteers, it can be used to provide work instructions. You can use the template to plan your crop rotation and subsequent fertilizations, and know from year to year exactly where everything will be grown. Use the same basic template every year.

If you double crop or plant cover crops, record these crops in the field history sheet.

If you know each plot or bed size, or row length, you can determine approximate yield of various vegetables to help in your market planning¹ For instance, in Sample #2b, each bed measures 150 ft. by 4 ft, or 600 sq. ft. This square footage yields approximately 320 pounds of tomatoes.

¹ See *Knott's Handbook for Vegetable Growers*, authored by Oscar A. Lorenz and Donald N. Maynard, New York: Wiley-Interscience Publication/John Wiley & Sons, Third Edition, 1988, pg. 333-334.

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Sample 2b: Field HistoryTemplate Map

Field # 1 Year 2003

Each bed is 150 feet long by 4 feet wide (600 sq. ft.), with 2 feet between each bed for a pathway. Type in what is planted each year.

Plot #1 – 8 beds Bed #1-1 Lettuce	Plot #4 – 12 beds Bed #1-25 Tomatoes
Bed #1-2 Assorted spring greens mix	BBd #1-26 Tomatoes
Bed #1-3 Snow peas	Bed #1-27 Green bush beans
Bed #1-4 Snap peas	Bed #1-28 Yellow bush beans
Bed #1-5 Spinach	Bed #1-29 Tomatoes
Bed #1-6 Lettuces	Bed #1-30 Tomatoes
Bed #1-7 Green peas	Bed #1-31 Pole green beans
Bed #1-8 Green peas	Bed #1-32 Bush green beans
Plot #2 – 8 beds Bed #1-9 Broccoli	Bed #1-33 Broccoli
Bed #1-10 Cabbage	Bed #1-34 Cabbage
Bed #1-11 Red Norland potatoes	Bed #1-35 Yellow onions
Bed #1-12 Red Norland potatoes	Bed #1-36 Yellow onions
Bed #1-13 Kale	Bed #1-37 Late potatoes
Bed #1-14 Cauliflower	Bed #1-38 Late potatoes
Bed #1-15 Red Norland potatoes	Bed #1-39 Red salad onions
Bed #1-16 Red Norland potatoes	Bed #1-40 Red salad onions
Plot #3 - 8 beds Bed #1-17 Sweet basil	Bed #1-41 Late potatoes
Bed #1-18 Parsley	Bed #1-42 Late potatoes
Bed #1-19 Early tomatoes	Bed #1-43 Carrots
Bed #1-20 Early tomatoes	Bed #1-44 Carrots
Bed #1-21 Assorted greens	Bed #1-45 Carrots
Bed_#1-22_Lettuces	Bed #1-46 Carrots
Bed #1-23 Early tomatoes	Bed #1-47 Assorted perennial herbs
Bed #1-24 Cherry tomatoes	Bed #1-47 Assorted perennial herbs

STEP 3: Develop seed purchase records. Because vegetable operations often purchase many varieties of seeds from different seed suppliers, maintaining seed records can be quite a challenge. For those of you who are computer enthusiasts and purchase the same seeds from year to year, a computer spreadsheet, such as Excel, can greatly reduce the time you spend on this record by entering in as much standard information as possible. Expect to put in a fair amount of time developing your spreadsheet, however.

Seed purchase records include copies of your seed orders, actual labels, seed tags or seed packets, and a record of your attempts to purchase organic seeds and reasons for purchasing non-organic untreated seed. Do not purchase treated seeds – seeds treated with synthetic product such as Captan are prohibited.

You should also keep receipts of your organic seedlings and perennials purchased and verification that the annual seedlings were certified organic. If you grow your own seedlings, greenhouse records or an activity log, showing how many flats were planted, planting dates, information regarding the inputs used in your soil mix, and products used for foliar sprays or pest control or disease control need to be kept. Use a clipboard to record the information in the greenhouse.

All seed purchase records should contain the following information: crop, variety, supplier, whether the seed is certified organic (0), untreated non-organic (U), or treated non-organic (T), type and brand of treatment (if known), and whether the seed is non-GMO. If the seed is organic, the seed will also be non-GMO. Planting GMO seed is prohibited and will result in de-certification for the portion of the field for 3 years. Be sure to use non-GMO rhizobial inoculants. Your seed orders should show crop, variety, and supplier. Some suppliers use the "OG" designation in the product code to identify the seed as organic. Indicate on your copy of the seed order which seed is certified organic.

Remember that organic seeds and organic seedlings are required for organic certification. Exceptions may be granted by the certification agent if organic seeds are not commercially available. The Organic Rule's definition of commercial availability states, "the ability to obtain a production input in an appropriate form, quality, or quantity to fulfill an essential function in a system of organic production or handling, as determined by the certifying agent in the course of reviewing the organic plan." With regard to seeds, the NOP has expanded commercial availability to include "equivalent varieties".

Thus, if you purchase non-organic seed, you must document your attempts to purchase organic seed and have appropriate reasons for needing to use that specific variety. Specific reasons might be that a variety of lettuce is heat resistant; the 500 pounds of seed potatoes you need to purchase are not available from an organic supplier; a variety of peppers that turns red in your Northern climate is not available in organic form; or that you need pelleted carrot seed and can't find it organically. (If you use pelleted seeds, check to insure the pelleting agent is an approved material such as kaolinite clay. The Organic Materials Review Institute has listed several approved pelleting agents, brand names of Agri-Coat Natural II manufactured by Agricoat LLC, and NatureCoat manufactured by Harris Moran Seed Co.)

Tips:

- 1. Do not plant treated or genetically engineered seed, as this will disqualify that portion of the field from certification for 3 years.
- 2. Make copies of your actual seed orders for your records. Mark all organic seeds with "OG" if not already in the product code.
- 3. Keep seed packages, labels or seed tags to show the inspector. Keep labels of all inoculants used.

If you choose to record all seed purchases, here is an example of a format to use:

Sample 3a: Seed Purchase Record

Year: 2003

Supplier Key: 1 - Fedco 2 - Johnny's Selected Seeds 3 - Garden City Seeds

4 - Ronniger's Potato Farm 5 - Seeds of Change 4 - Harris Seed

			Organic (O) Untreated non- organic (U), Treated	Type and brand of	Check (√) non-GMO	Commercial availability	Attempts to purchase
Crop	Variety		non-organic (T)	treatment	seed	reason #	organic seed
Lettuce Summer Crisp	Anuenue	2	U	-	√	Heat resistant - 1	Looked at Fedco, Harris, Garden City and Seeds of Change

If you record only the non-organic seeds purchased, here is an example of a format to use:

Sample 3b: Non-Organic Seed Purchase Record

Year: <u>2003</u>

Supplier: <u>Johnny's Selected Seeds</u> Year: <u>2003</u>

S	eed	Type and brand of	Check (√) non-GMO	Commercial availability	Attempts to purchase organic seed
Crop	Variety	treatment	seed	reason #	
Lettuce Summer Crisp	Anuenue	Untreated	√	Heat resistant - 1	Looked at Fedco, Harris, Garden City and Seeds of Change

STEP 4: Develop input records. Input records must show what product(s) are used, the location (field or bed #), date of use, and application rate. Inputs include soil amendments, foliar sprays, pest and disease control products, and products applied with irrigation. Depending on how many products you use, you may need more than one type of input record. Your individual field template showing individual beds works well to record specific soil amendments applied, and the date and rate of application.

Tips:

- 1. Keep the input record clipboard where you store your application equipment or products used.
- 2. If you use a standard application rate or combine soil amendments or pest control products in your own formula, write this information once at the top of the record and use a key number or other identifier to enter the information in the appropriate column.
- 3. Use a different sheet/map template for soil amendments (minerals, compost and manure), foliar sprays, pest or disease control products.
- 3. If micronutrients are applied, keep copies of soil or tissue tests to justify agronomic need.

Sample 4a: Soil Amendment Use Record

Year: 2003 Key: A – Cow manure, composted, 50 lb. per 600 sq. ft. bed

B – Calcitic limestone, 25 lb. per 600 sq. ft. bed

C – Micronutrient recipe according to soil tests for 600 sq. ft. beds (rock phosphate-10 lb., boron-3 oz., Sul-Po-Mag-5 lb.)

Field #-Bed #	Soil Amendments	Date Applied	Rate of Application
Field #1-19, 20, 23,			
24, 25, 26, 29, 30,	A, B	Nov.15, 2002	As recipe above
Field #2- Plots #1, 2			Per plot: 200 lb. lime
and 3	A, B	Nov. 17, 2002	400 lb manure
Field #2 – Plots #4 and			
5	В	Nov. 20, 2002	300 lb. lime

Sample 4b: Pest Control Product Use

Year: <u>2003</u>

Field #-Bed #	Pest Problem	Pest Control Product	Date Applied	Rate of Application
Field #1 and #2-all				
around; in grass	Japanese Beetle	Milky Spore	4/14/03	1 tsp/3 ft.
Field #1-11, 12, 15,	Colorado Potato			
16, 37, 38, 41, 42	Beetle	Novador Bt	6/30/03	1.5 oz./gal

STEP 5: Develop an Activity Log. This record might be an individual activity log per field kept on a clipboard, calendar, journal, pocket notebook, personal data assistant (PDA), or ring binder. The field activity log is the easiest way for many operators to record activities. Examples of information you might record include: planting dates with bed # and crop; observations of plant health or disease problems; specific weed populations or problem locations; planting rates; harvest activities; equipment settings; weather conditions, i.e., heavy rains, soil erosion noted; or pest monitoring activities. Inspectors review these records to verify compliance and assess your monitoring program.

Sample 5: Journal

Journal entries:

3/9/03 Planted Red Norland potatoes, beds #1-11 and #1-12

Disced field #2 – noticed a patch of thistle emerging in plot #5

3/10/03 Heavy rains today; 2.5 inches in rain gauge; no erosion noted

STEP 6: Harvest Records. Whether the vegetable grower is selling at a farmers market, on-farm stand, CSA, or wholesale orders to grocery stores, cooperatives, or restaurants, harvest records of some type must be kept to audit production. Required information is the crop harvested, date of harvest, amount harvested and location where harvested (field, plot, bed or row #). This information is invaluable to the grower in planning for the future, especially when determining what crops were most profitable, when to plant specific crops for a continuous supply, or how much to grow in the future. Inspectors, on behalf of Organic Vegetable Records.03

certifying agents, review these records to determine that you actually grew and harvested what you say you sold.

Simple harvest records can consist of a single sheet of paper for each type of crop (Sample 6a - advantage is that you can easily add up your total harvest.) You can also use map template to write in the amount harvested from each bed, whichever is easiest for you. Keep these records where vegetables are packed so that they can be kept at the time you are packing each vegetable.

Sample 6a: Harvest Record Per Vegetable

Field #:1	Crop Harvested:	Lettuce, Red
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Bed #	Amount Harvested	Date of Harvest
1	24 head (1 box)	6/4/03
1	30 head	6/6/03
1	24 head (1 box)	6/11/03
1	48 head	6/13/03
1	48 head	6/20/03
Total Harvested	134 head	

Sample 6b: Harvest Record Per Date

Date June 25, 2003

		Amount
Crop Harvested	Bed #	Harvested
Lettuce, red	1	30 head
Asst. spring gr mix	2	45 bunches
Spinach	5	50 bu
Lettuce, gr	6	35 head

For larger growers, a useful harvest record is a template of all products sold. Sample 6c lists all crops, with columns that show the beds and amount harvested. Use a single sheet for each harvest day. Alphabetize the list. List each type of vegetable, including different varieties, if needed. Lot codes may be used if the operation is selling wholesale. This record may be used to take wholesale orders over the phone. The original serves as a "pick order", with items checked as the order is filled. Putting the basic ID for each vegetable or fruit's lot code on this column helps the person remember the correct lot code. See also the section below on developing lot codes. The lot code column is not needed for a small operator who sells direct. If the vegetable or fruit is only harvested from one field, plot, or bed, write in the location # on your template for the season. With this record, not all vegetables are harvested every week. See Sample 6c below.

Sample 6c: Larger Operation Harvest Record (a single sheet is used for each harvest day)

Date:

Crop Harvested	Lot Code	Expected	Field,	Amount	Walk-in
	Initials	Harvest Date	Plot or	Harvested	Cooler (√)
			Bed #		
Apples, Red Delicious	ARD	Sept-Oct.	Orchard		
Apples, Yellow Delicious	AYD	SeptOct.	Orchard		
Basil, Sweet	BS	June-Oct.	#17		
Beans, Green	BG	July-Oct.			
Beans, Yellow	BY	July-Oct.			
Carrots	C	July-Oct.			

Tips:

- 1. Larger vegetable operations with employees may keep more complicated records that have columns for packing goals and amounts actually packed.
- 2. Use standardized box sizes, such as 24 head of lettuce per box. Then you can just enter how many boxes you packed.
- 3. Attach a lot number sticker or date stamp when packing wholesale boxes.

STEP 7: Develop storage records. If you harvest the day of market and do not use a walk-in cooler, you do not need to keep storage records. But if you are a fairly large vegetable operation, with deliveries several days a week, inventory records are essential. Likewise, storage records are important for crops such as potatoes, carrots, and apples. Inventory records for a walk-in cooler help the grower know what he/she has available that needs sold and how much to harvest for projected sales. Dates are important because produce needs to be as fresh as possible.

Required information is crop being stored, amount stored, date stored. Adding a column to the Seasonal Harvest Record template for storage information makes it also useful as a storage record. In Sample 6c above, the person need only check that the produce went into the cooler. This will work if all stored produce is likely to be sold the following day and you don't need inventory records.

Sample 7: Walk In Cooler Inventory Record (Organic only, 10'x12')

Cooler #: #1

Crop Stored	Lot #	Amount Stored	Storage Date	Date and Amount Sold	Date and Amount Returned	None Left in Inventory (√)
Lettuce, red	LR155	1 box	6/4/03	6/5/03 - all		
Lettuce, gr	LG155	1 box	6/4/03	6/5/03 - all		
Spinach	SP155	2 box	**	6/5/03 1.5	½ box 6/5/03	6/6/03

Tips:

- 1. If a walk-in cooler is also used for non-organic products, store organic and non-organic products in separate areas.
- 2. If you cannot separate, store organic produce on higher shelves so non-organic produce does not drip onto organic produce. Label organic and non-organic storage areas for easy identification.

STEP 8: Lot Numbering System. If you are selling wholesale, you need to be able to track each specific box of produce to the date of harvest. A simple lot number is the date of harvest, such as 6/9/03, or 6903. You may want to identify the product with a product code, such as LR for Lettuce, Red. The lot number for red lettuce harvested on June 9 would be LR6903. Only you and your employees need to be able to decipher the lot number. Some growers use the Julian Date Calendar, a 3-digit number designated for each day of the year, starting with 001 for January 1. Since produce does not have a long shelf life, the year may be eliminated from the lot number to keep it short.

If you are selling wholesale and harvest the day of delivery, the invoice number can serve as your lot number. Be sure to write the lot number or invoice number on each box.

The lot number should be written next to the product on the invoice and also should be stamped or have a label affixed to the carton being delivered. There may be different lot numbers for various products on the same invoice. If a buyer has a question about a particular lot, you will be able to identify when it was harvested, from what bed, and when it was stored and shipped. By using lot number in storage, you can easily identify which products were harvested first, in order to sell them first.

If you use a product code for each crop, your sales order template should include a column for the code.

STEP 9: Develop sales records. Sales records may simply be a list of the vegetables you took to the farmers market and total sales for the market day. These do not have to be broken down by each type of vegetable sold. A daily sales total is sufficient. If you are going to multiple farmers markets, a table with a column for each market is a simple way to keep track of your total sales. At the end of the season, just total the columns. To save time, you can type in the names and dates of your markets ahead of time.

Sample 8a: Farmers Market Total Sales Record

Date of Market	Winona Farmers	Winona Farmers	Rochester Farmers	
	Market (Saturday)	Market (Wednesday)	Market (Saturday)	
6/7/03	245.00		368.00	
6/11/03		219.00		
6/21/03	304.00		397.00	
Total Sales	549.00	219.00	765.00	

For a CSA, the total sales are known at the beginning of the season, since subscriptions are sold in advance. But you should keep a record of the vegetables and amounts delivered to each CSA member in their weekly boxes. The Larger Operation Harvest Record (sample 6c) could be modified to record CSA deliveries. Just check the vegetables and fruits put into each box with the amounts. It is a good idea to

keep a record of CSA member dates of deliveries and pick-ups. If there is ever a question, you will know if a member picked up their box. This record is not required for certification. See Samples 8b and 8c.

Sample 8b: CSA Weekly Box (Tuesday pick-ups)

Week of: <u>9/23/03</u>

Vegetable/Fruit	Amount		
Apples, Red delicious	3 lb.		
Apples, Yellow delicious	2 lb.		
Basil, sweet	1 bunch		
Beans, green	1 lb.		
Beans, yellow	½ lb.		
Carrots	1 lb.		

Sample 8c: CSA Weekly Pick-up Record

Delivery Month: <u>June</u>

CSA Member	Pick-up Location	6/3/03	6/10/03	6/17/03	6/24/03
Adams, Jim and Linda	350 Oak Ave, Winona				
Bates, John and Mary	"				
Collins, Ted and Brenda	"				
Darby, Richard	225 Washington St, Winona	√			
Jackson, Art and Lorraine	***	√			

If you are selling to multiple restaurants, grocery stores, cooperatives, or other retailers, your sales records should at least consist of invoices and an overall record totaling sales. Invoices should contain the date, name of buyer, name of seller, products, lot #, amounts sold, and cost of products, with a total amount. Preprinted invoice books can be easily purchased at office supply stores. Each invoice is individually numbered and comes in duplicate or triplicate, so you can keep a copy for your own records. Computerized bookkeeping software, such as Quickbooks, offers another type of invoicing system that will automatically track various types of information, such as how much of specific vegetables are sold.

A total wholesale sales spreadsheet can keep track of all your wholesale sales. You can easily total the "Amount" columns at the end of the season to know your yearly sales. This record can help you plan for next year's sales, how much to grow, and what markets or products you may want to expand or delete.

Sample 8d: Wholesale Sales Record

Insert invoice number into the column for each wholesale order.

Date	BCC		PFC		Publix		Lucia's Restauant	
	Inv.#	Amt.	Inv. # Amt.		Inv.#	Amt.	Inv. # Amt.	
6/2/02	10000	36.00	10001	48.00	10003	48.00	10004	36.00
6/9/03	10005	48.00	10006	60.00	10008	60.00	10009	60.00
6/16/03	10010	48.00	10011	60.00	10013	60.00	10014	60.00

STEP 10: Other Records

There are other records which may or may not be needed to verify compliance, depending on your situation. Examples include non-organic or buffer crop usage forms; documentation of previous land use for rented and/or newly purchased land; neighbor notification letters; documentation of adjoining land use; residue analyses of soil, crops, or inputs; labels and product information for all inputs; compost production records; split operation records; equipment cleaning records; transportation records, such as bills of lading; audit control summaries; and complaint logs.

Examples of many of the documents listed above are contained in a companion posting entitled "RECORD KEEPING FORM TEMPLATES* FOR ORGANIC FARMERS".

For livestock producers, examples of livestock record keeping templates are contained in "RECORDS FOR ORGANIC LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS".