



Verification of 3 Year Land History of New Fields

When to use this form: This form is to be used by any new or continuing producer wishing to add a new field to their Organic System Plan. **Use one form per field.**

Who should complete this form: This form is to be completed and signed by whomever has had direct management rights to the land for the past three years. If it is not possible to communicate with the previous *land manager*, this form may be completed by the previous *land owner*, only if the land owner is able to demonstrate that they have direct and specific knowledge of activities performed/materials applied on this field through direct control and/or specific terms of a lease agreement.

If more than one person has managed this field for the past three years, each manager must provide the information requested and sign for the time period when they managed the field.

Applicant Name:	Applicant Business Name:
Field ID/Name:	Acreage: Town & state where field is located:

	Manager Name (printed):	Dates under management:	Crops grown:	Date and name of field amendments applied (ex. manure, urea, herbicides, etc.):	I attest that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge:
YEAR 1 HISTORY					Signature Date
YEAR 2 HISTORY					Signature Date
YEAR 3 HISTORY					Signature Date

Land Owner Attestation: *(may be left blank if the land manager has signed above)*: By signing below I verify that I have direct and specific knowledge of activities performed/materials applied on this field because I have had direct control of this land and/or I had specific terms of a lease agreement with the individual previously managing this field.

Signature(s) of previous land owner(s): _____

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New Field Neighboring Land Use Verification

When to use this form: If any land, not managed by you, is adjacent to the field being requested for organic certification, use this form to document the following:

1. That you have communicated with all landowners whose land is adjacent to your new field to verify that the adjacent property has not had, for at least 3 years prior, any materials applied to it which are considered prohibited by the USDA National Organic Program.
OR
2. That if prohibited materials have been applied to the adjacent property in the past 3 years, or are applied in the future, you agree to maintain an appropriate buffer to harvested certified organic crops within the field being requested for certification.
 - **When a buffer is needed:** VOF recommends that organic producers maintain a minimum 50' buffer zone from adjacent agricultural land that uses substances prohibited by the NOP, unless the buffer consist of a dense hedgerow. In this case, a 30' buffer may be sufficient. A 15' buffer is recommended from residential properties that use prohibited substances. **Buffer zones must be maintained for at least 3 years after the last application of prohibited pesticides or fertilizers on adjacent property.**

Who should complete this form: This form should be completed and signed by whomever is requesting organic certification of the new field.

List all neighboring properties in the table below. If more space is needed please attach a separate page or make a photocopy of this form.

Name and phone number of neighboring landowner (printed)	Adjacent property is in (choose one)		What inputs are applied to the adjacent property? Enter 'None' if none are applied.	Describe the size, type, and location of buffer between the adjacent property and your field. Enter 'NA' if no buffer is needed.
	Agricultural Use <input type="checkbox"/> Hay <input type="checkbox"/> Corn <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	Non-Agricultural Use <input type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Other:		
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I verify that I have communicated with my neighbor(s) and I will maintain appropriate buffers between adjacent properties when necessary.

OR

I verify that my new field has no adjacent land that poses a risk to the integrity of my organic crop.

Signature

Date