**Seed and Planting Stock Record**

**Instructions**: Use this form to document seed, annual seedlings, and/or planting stock used or planned for use during the current year. Please keep all labels, purchase receipts, and other supporting documents with your records and have them available at inspection. Growers may submit alternative documentation instead of this form, as long as the documentation captures the information below.

**For clients seeking NOP certification:** Nonorganic seeds and planting stock may only be used if an equivalent organically produced variety is not ***commercially available*** in the appropriate form, quality, or quantity necessary to fulfill the needs of the operation. Producers must contact a minimum of three sources *that carry organic seed or planting stock* before purchasing nonorganic seed or planting stock. Please complete the Commercial Availability Search section of the table for each seed or planting stock you purchased that is nonorganic.

To answer the question, "Why was nonorganic seed or planting stock purchased?", please choose one of the following options:

* **Form**: Check this box if you were unable to source organic seed in the appropriate form. Form considerations include but are not limited to treated or non-treated seeds or planting stock, seeds that were pelleted or not pelleted, or bare root nursery stock.
* **Quantity**: Check this box if you were unable to source organic seed in the appropriate quantity for your needs.
* **Quality**: Check this box if you were unable to source organic seed of an appropriate quality. Quality considerations include germination rate, weed seeds in the seed mix, shelf life or stability of seeds, or disease and pest resistance.
* **Other**: Please include other reasons why you purchased nonorganic seed or planting stock if not due to issues with form, quantity, or quality.

**Note**: Annual seedlings used to produce an organic crop must be certified organic unless a temporary variance has been granted by the NOP.

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| **Crop** | **Variety** | **Type** | **Source/Supplier** | **Treatments** | **Organic?** | **Commercial Availability Sources** | **Date Checked** | **Method of Contact** | **GMO Status** | **Why was nonorganic seed or planting stock purchased (if applicable)?** | | | |
| *Ex: Lettuce* | *Ex: Salanova Green Butter* |  | *Name of supplier where seeds or planting stock were purchased.* | *List the treatment or inoculant, if applicable.* | *Is it certified organic?* | *For nonorganic seed or planting stock, please list the* ***three*** *sources you checked for organic before purchasing nonorganic.* | *List the date each source was checked for organic availability.* | *How did you check for organic availability? (e.g., looked in a catalog, checked website)* | *Please maintain documentation of non-GMO status.* | *Indicate the reason why nonorganic seeds or planting stock were purchased instead of organic.* ***Please see Instructions for further details on form, quantity, and quality.*** | | | |
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