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Field Office Checklist and TSP Certification Sample Plan Review

**Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition
 Practice Activity Code (138)**

(Refer to National Bulletin 450-11-1 for a complete listing of CAP Criteria)

Purpose: The purpose of this checklist is to provide guidance for components that need to be addressed or included in a Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition. This checklist is designed for use by NRCS staff as well as Technical Service Providers. Please refer to CAP Development Criteria for specific elements to be addressed.

Instructions: Note: The Organic Transition sample plan should be reviewed at the State level and is not required to be reviewed by National Headquarters. However, should the State not have the technical specialist to conduct the review, requests can be submitted (by the State Office) to NHQ for review. Submit the completed checklist and sample plan by mail or email to Tim Pilkowski, Natural Resources Specialist, TSP Team. See below for address info.

Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition	
State/County:	Date Plan Submitted:
Producer/Owner:	Technical Service Provider:
<p>A Transition to Organic System Plan is a conservation activity plan documenting decisions by producers who agree to implement a system of conservation practices which assist the producer to transition from conventional farming or ranching systems to an organic production system.</p> <p>Minimum components of a Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition (138) shall include:</p>	

1.	Background and Site Information
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Name of owner/operator; b. Farm location and mailing address; c. Soil map units; d. Map of streams, surface waters, wetlands on or adjacent to site; e. Conservation plan map; f. Total acres to be transitioned to organic; g. Field names or codes; h. Date producer began management of parcel; i. Date producer plans to harvest certified organic crops from the parcel; j. List of crops grown on the parcel, with acreage for each crop

2.	Assessment of the natural resource concerns to be addressed. The plan shall identify those natural resource concerns which will need to be addressed by the producer in order to meet requirement of the NOP.
<input type="checkbox"/>	a. Air Quality; b. Domestic Animals; c. Fish and wildlife; d. Plant condition; e. Soil Condition; f. Soil Erosion; g. Water Quality & Quantity
3.	Producer's objectives and goals related to organic production
<input type="checkbox"/>	Producers objective and goals met.
4.	Planned NRCS practice standards. This element includes NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) approved conservation practices that may be needed to assist producer's during the transition to an organic production system. For a list of applicable conservation practices refer to NB 450-10-2.
<input type="checkbox"/>	a. Approved Conservation Practices listed in plan;
<input type="checkbox"/>	b. Additional mitigation measures.

Yes	No	Checklist Approval
		I have reviewed this Conservation Plan Supporting Organic Transition and it meets all the criteria of the Conservation Activity Plan (138) in accordance with Section 2508 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008.
NRCS Representative Name and Title (print or type):		
NRCS Representative Signature		Date:
Notes (If "No" is checked, include reasons for denial, comments, missing items that need to be added, etc.):		

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