



United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

Conservation Stewardship Program
2012 Ranking Period 1

WQL20 - Montana Supplement

Transitions to ORGANIC Cropping Systems - (Water Quality Enhancement Activity)

Montana Clarification

This enhancement is applicable only on cropland.

Montana Specifications

No additional specifications other than those described in the national enhancement.

Incompatible Enhancements

Some enhancements are not compatible with other enhancements. If you have a question, contact your local NRCS office.

Eligible Land

Cropland

Applicable Acres

Applies to only crop land use acres in the process of transitioning to an organic production system.

Documentation Requirements

All standards of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Organic Program (NOP) for production, handling and labeling of organic agricultural products must be followed.

Information regarding USDA-NOP standards, application forms and processes, certification requirements and certifying agents can be found at:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/nop>

OR through the Montana Department of Agriculture Organic Program:

Website:

<http://agr.mt.gov/organic/Program.asp>

By Mail:

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P.O. Box 200201
Helena, Montana 59620-0201

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Helena, Montana

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Documentation Requirements (cont.)

1. Written narrative of practices used to:
 - a. Improve soil quality including crop rotation, cover crops and other associated practices,
 - b. Provide plant nutrients, and
 - c. Control pests in the cropping system.
2. Map showing field boundaries and buffer zones.
3. RUSLE2 documents displaying STIR before and after.
4. A record of the application of inputs according to the NOP rules, e.g., type, date, rate, and amount of allowed nutrients and pesticides.
5. Documentation of practices applied and steps taken to receive organic certification based on consultation with an accredited organic certifier.
6. Copy of the Organic System Plan when approved by certifying agent.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand all that is required for the implementation of this CSP Enhancement Activity.

Contract participant

Date