

OneCert Policy: Land

Any land requested for organic certification or transitional status with OneCert must meet the requirements set for in [7 CRF 205.202](#) and the below additional requirements. Land requested with an operator's Organic System Plan must be accompanied with a OneCert Prior Land Use Affidavit or Field History form. The operator must supply OneCert with sufficient information on the OneCert Prior Land Use Affidavit or Field History form and submit documentation for seeds planted and inputs applied such as seed tags, nonorganic seed documentation, input invoices, OMRI Certificates, etc. If the history is not sufficient to verify compliance of the land, then a 3-year transition period will be required. See below for specifics related to each scenario.

Certified Operations:

Operations that are requesting organic certification or renewal with OneCert must include all land (organic, transitional, and conventional) with acres in their application or renewal materials. All new land (farms/fields) previously under agricultural use must be accompanied with a Prior Land Use Affidavit or Field History Form, see specific sections below. A certification fee will be applied for these operations as specified in the OneCert Producer Fee Schedule.

The following requirements must be met for certified operations:

- The operation submits all documents required for certification – application/annual update form, field histories, field plan, Organic System Plan, maps, input information, equipment list, etc.
- All organic and transitional fields are included in the annual compliance review and on-site inspection. The client must manage the organic and transitional fields in accordance with [7 CRF 205.202](#) and fully disclose all seeds used, and inputs applied.
- The OneCert Certification Procedures will be followed from compliance review, inspection, to certification decision.
- Planting, cultivation and harvest records, storage records and sales records must be maintained, and be available to OneCert and the inspector.
- Any crop (organic, transitional, or conventional) can be audited by OneCert inspectors.
- All transitional crops and acreage are included in the certification letter issued with the NOP certificate. All organic crops are included on the NOP certificate.

Transitional Only Clients

The OneCert Transition Program is offered as a supplement to organic certification. It is not a standalone program.

Uncertified operations may apply with OneCert for acres that intend to transition to organic status. Operations who seek assistance transitioning their fields to organic may work with OneCert to ensure that their organic system plan complies to the NOP requirements. A

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certification fee will be applied for these operations at half the cost of the lowest bracket indicated in the OneCert Producer Fee Schedule.

The following requirements must be met for transitional only clients:

- The operation submits all documents required for certification – application, field histories, Organic System Plan, maps, input information, equipment list, etc.
- The client must manage the transitional fields in accordance with [7 CRF 205.202](#) and fully disclose all seeds used, and inputs applied.
- The OneCert Certification Procedures will be followed from compliance review, inspection*, to certification decision.
 - * If required, an on-site inspection will occur to verify implementation of the Organic System Plan.
- A Transitional Verification Letter will be issued to the operator stating that OneCert has performed a compliance review and inspection, and the operation appears to be able to comply with NOP requirements. The letter will list all transitional fields with the field id, area, crop, date of last prohibited substance application, and date of last on-site inspection. If there was no on-site inspection the letter will specify.

Non-Agricultural Land

Operations that are requesting organic certification or renewal with OneCert that includes non-agricultural land must also meet the requirements as specified under “*Certified Operations*”. Generally, nonagricultural land has too much risk (e.g. unknown prohibited materials applied) and not enough verifiable records to allow any determination of retroactive compliance. Therefore, if the operation is unable to submit the documentation to verify compliance then a 3-year transition period is required

OneCert Prior Land Use Affidavit

The OneCert Prior Land Use Affidavit (PLUA) must be completed for any new land or fields that were previously in agricultural use and have not been under the OneCert applicant's ownership or management for the previous 36 months (3 years).

All seed and input documentation applied to the farm/field(s) since the OneCert applicant's management began (up to three years) must be made available upon request for verification of compliance. Documentation includes seed tags, purchase invoices, untreated statements, non-GMO statements, labels and SDS, field activity records, etc.

All areas of the PLUA must be completed and the form signed by both the OneCert applicant and the previous land manager. For an additional description of items required to be completed see the PLUA instructions at the top of the form.

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OneCert Initial Field History Form

The OneCert Initial Field History Form must be completed for all new land or fields included with the OneCert applicant's application or subsequent annual update. This includes any new land or fields that were previously in agricultural use and have been under the applicant's ownership or management for the previous 36 months (3 years).

All seed and input documentation applied to the farm/field(s) since the OneCert applicant's management began must be made available upon request for verification of compliance. Documentation includes seed tags, purchase invoices, untreated statements, non-GMO statements, labels and SDS, field activity records, etc.

Farm/Field Map(s)

Each newly requested farm/field should have an accompanying farm/field map submitted to OneCert. The operator must also include an overview map of their operation that includes all farm/fields and storage locations. Please reference the Appendix A: Map Instructions for requirements.