



## Sprout Organic System Plan

Use this form to describe your operation. If a question does not apply, indicate "**none**" or "**N/A**" if not applicable. This plan is to be submitted with the **Farm Organic System Plan**. It is the producer's responsibility to understand and comply with state and federal regulations regarding the production of sprouts. Contact your state department of agriculture for information.

Sprout production for livestock feed is to be described in the feed section of the **Livestock Organic System Plan**.

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**GENERAL INFORMATION NOS §§205.201, .272**

Sprout production and handling must meet the general production and handling requirements of the National Organic Standards. Any land used for sprouting must be reported on **Crop Summary/Current Year Field Plan** form, including a **3 Year Field History** form if applicable. Submit a facility **map** and a **flow chart** of your sprout production.

1. List the type of organic sprouts you produce (barley, wheat grass, etc.).

2. Do you produce nonorganic sprouts? If so, list types.

3. If you produce nonorganic sprouts, how do you prevent commingling and contamination to your organic sprouts? *Check all that apply*

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> organic sprouts are labeled | <input type="checkbox"/> separate production facilities used |
| <input type="checkbox"/> separate equipment is used  | <input type="checkbox"/> equipment is cleaned before use     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> N/A, no nonorganic sprouts  | <input type="checkbox"/> other                               |

4. If "other," explain.

Describe all sprout production facilities in the table below.

*In the "Identification" column include a facility name or number as shown on your facility **map**. In the "Sprout Category" column, list sprout type (such as bean, grain, grass, etc.)*

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Please verify the lines below. Use the table to add new items. If there isn't enough room, attach a separate list with the same column layout.

**Sprout Production Facilities**

Identification	Location	Storage Container Type	Sprout Category
"	"	"	
"	"	"	
"	"	"	
"	"	"	
"	"	"	
"	"	"	
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Additional Comments

*Question(s) not listed are for office use only.*

**SEED SOURCES AND PRODUCTION METHODS NOS §§205.105, .201, .203, .204, .272**

The National Organic Standards require that seed used for organic sprouts must be certified organic. List all seeds on the **Seed Table** form and have it available at inspection.

8. How do you treat seed to prevent food-borne pathogens? *Check all that apply.*

- not applicable     hydrogen peroxide     peracetic acid     ozone products/processes  
 heat     other

9. If "other", explain.

10. What type(s) of containers do you use for sprouting?

- buckets     trays     other     tubes     bags

11. If "other," explain.

12. What are containers made of?

- stainless steel     plastic     other

13. If "other," explain.

14. Are the same containers used for sprouting also used for packaging for sale?

- Yes     No

15. Is a soil mix used for sprouting? *List all products used in the mix on the **Crop Input Inventory** form, and provide labels and ingredient information for inputs not OMRI listed or previously approved by MOSA.*

- Yes     No

16. What is the source of water used for sprout production? *Submit a **water test** for safe Ecoli/fecal coliform bacteria if non-municipal water sources used for organic sprout production.*

17. What is water temperature range and how is this controlled?

18. List any water additives used in sprout production. *List additives on the **Crop Input Inventory** and provide product labels and ingredient information for inputs not OMRI listed or previously approved by MOSA.*

19. How frequently are sprouts rinsed and how does this vary throughout the sprouting process?

20. Do you use any nutrients/fertilizers in the sprouting process (aside from soil mix ingredients already listed)? *List all inputs used on the **Crop Input Inventory**, and provide product labels and ingredient information for inputs not OMRI listed or previously approved by MOSA.*

- Yes     No

21. If "yes," how are nutrients/fertilizers used?

22. Is light used in the sprouting process?

Yes  No

23. If "yes," what is the source of the light?

24. What other means are used to manipulate sprout characteristics?

none  weights  control of air temperature  other

25. If "other," explain.

26. Do you use any hull removal procedures?

Yes  No

27. If "yes," how is hull removal done?

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**SANITATION, PACKAGING AND MARKETING NOS §§205.105, .201, .206, .272**

Inputs for controlling microbial contamination for organic sprout production must be approved per NOS §205.105. Sprout producers must comply with FDA and other applicable Federal and State regulations. All packaging and transport containers must not compromise organic integrity of the certified product. MOSA requires all labels to be approved before use.

30. Have you experienced contamination problems in your organic sprout operation?

31. How do you monitor for product deterioration or presence of pathogens? *Check all that apply.*

pathogen test kit     check odor of product     check appearance of product     other

32. If "other," explain.

33. How is microbial growth controlled?

not applicable     monitoring of temperature during sprouting     rapid cooling at harvest  
 ultraviolet lights     rinse sprouts with chlorination as allowed by Safe Water Drinking Act  
 equipment sanitation     other

34. If "other," explain.

35. How do you clean sprouting equipment? *List cleaning materials on the **Crop Input Inventory**, and provide product labels and ingredient information for inputs not OMRI listed or previously approved by MOSA.*

36. How are sprouts stored before sale (location, temperature, humidity, etc.)?

37. Do you remove excess water from sprouts before packaging?

Yes     No

38. If "yes," how is water removed?

39. Indicate how sprouts are sold. *Check all that apply.*

1/2 pint box     pint box     bags     bulk box     retail markets     wholesale     other

40. If "other," explain.

41. What volume of sprouts do you expect to produce on an annual basis (pounds, pints, etc.)?

42. **COMPLETE:** Is your Organic System Plan complete?

Yes     No

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