



GEORGIA CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION ORGANIC CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

DETERMINING BUFFER REQUIREMENTS – GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

In an effort to aid inspection staff in determining if adequate buffers are in place between non-GMO and GMO crops, GCIAOCP recommends utilizing the isolation distances found in the U.S. Federal Seed Act for “Foundation Class Seed”.

While the established isolation distances contained in the Act refer to pollen movement, these isolation distances should be sufficient for our needs as related to pollen, spray drift, etc.

Distances can be adjusted with proper documentation justifying the change, such as buffer plantings, topography, and manmade structures. In addition, not all vegetable crops are covered; comparison crops may have to be used.

To access this information, see section 201.76, Table 5 in the Federal Seed Act; click [HERE](#).