

GCIA Organic Program E-News

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Please see below for several important updates regarding organic certification.

- 1- The Organic System Plan (OSP) must be updated on an annual basis in order to verify continued compliance. In addition, the OSP must be updated anytime a new product is added; new inputs are planned for use; any changes of name, operator, ownership; when new land is acquired; changes in storage locations, custom operations, label changes, suppliers, shipping/receiving, equipment, pest management, etc.
- 2- All imported ingredients and products must be accompanied by organic certificates, import documents and phytosanitary documents to be approved for certification.
- 3- All invoices, production, inventory, sales, and receiving documents must include lot numbers – NO exceptions.
- 4- USDA NOP has begun placing greater emphasis on traceback and mass balance. In particular, inspectors have been directed to closely examine the documentation for all organic ingredients.
- 5- When importing organic products, you are advised to check the APHIS Fruits and Vegetables Import Requirements (FAVIR) Database. Click [HERE](#) to access it.

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