

## **GCIA Organic Program E-News**

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Please review the information below for important updates and information regarding the organic certification program.

- TRAINING: please let GCIA know if you are interested in training; possible topics include mass balance, traceback, crop rotation, restricted & allowed inputs, inputs w/ restrictions or annotations, etc.
- GCIA Policy on crop rotation – updated August 2018; available [HERE](#)
- Processor/Handler Organic System Plan now includes section on biodiversity; available [HERE](#)
- Instructions for mass balance & traceback now online; available [HERE](#)
- Greenhouse Organic System Plan now includes an addendum for hydroponic & aquaponic production; available [HERE](#)
- REMINDER: Organic System Plans 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. Be sure to notify GCIA of any changes to your OSP.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please contact our organic staff at the office (706-542-2351) or via email:

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