

PGS Farm Visit Checklist: Crops

Visit to:

Date:

..... PGS group operates within the principles and guidelines of IFOAM-Organics International's definition of organic agriculture. Our PGS *Basic Production Principles* are based on the SAOSO Standard for Organic Production and Processing.

I, ... am aware of/have read the Basic Production Principles **YES NO**

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Email address:..... Contact Number:

PARTICIPANT REPORT

	CATEGORY	OBSERVATION				COMMENTS
History of Farm						
N/A	First impression	Fenced clean & tidy	Open clean & tidy	Unkempt		
Q3	History of land	Fallow	Non-chemical activity	Chemical agriculture		
Soil Fertility and Management						
Q4	Composting	Made on farm	Sourced from outside farm	Both	No compost used on farm	
Q4	Animal Manure	Animal manure used	No animal manure used			
Q6	Mulching	Mulch (dry)	Mulch (living)	None		
Q7/Q8	Crop control	Rotation	Companion Planting	Green manure/Cover Crops		
Q10	Type of Soil	Sandy	Clay	Loamy		
Q4	Organic Matter in soil	Very visible	Somewhat Visible	None visible		
Q4	Additional material/inputs sources	Sourced on farmed	Sourced from outside			
Q4	Soil Tillage	No-till	By hand or walk-behind tractor	Tractor		
Seeds						
Q11	Type of seeds used	Organic	Conventional untreated	Conventional Treated	Does not know	
Q11	Source of seed used	Purchased	Seed bank/ seed swop	Self-harvested		
Water						
Q15	Source of water	Municipal	Borehole / Spring/Dam	Rainwater		

Q19	Water Management & Conservation techniques	Swales		Raised beds	Contours	
		Signs of erosion		Mulch	Plant cover	
Biodiversity						
Q20	Strategies for Newly cleared/ cultivated land	Signs of herbicide		Burning	Chipped material Mowed material	
Q21	Presence of Wildlife / biodiversity areas/ecosystem management	Forest/fynbos/ riverine/mountain/ grassland/hedges/		Invasive species management? Yes/no Erosion rehabilitation Yes/no	Percentage of land dedicated to biodiversity (%)	
Plant Health						
Q23	Signs of pests	No visibility	Low visibility		High visibility	
Q26	Signs of disease	No visibility	Low visibility		High visibility	
Q23 - Q27	Crop Pest / disease control	Self-made	Purchased inputs		Both	
		Wildlife habitat	Biodiversity of plants/ companion planting		Preventative methods: Traps/predators	
Q27	Signs of weeds/ weed population	Low		High		
Q27	Methods for weed control	Removed by hand		Mowed	Signs of herbicide use	
Contamination risk						
Q28	Adjacent land use	Wild/fallow		Organically farmed	Conventionally farmed	
	Wind drift	None		Low risk	High risk (buffer)	
	Run off	None		Low risk	High risk (buffer)	
Harvesting, clearing and packaging						
Q32	Harvesting & packing	By hand		Machine	Labels	
Q33	Packaging materials	Biodegradable		Recyclable	neither	
Q35 – Q38	Cleaning & sanitation	Washing area clean		Cleaning materials – type		
Conclusion	Social responsibility	Contracted staff		Informal labour/ Cooperative	Children participation in farm work	

