

PGS Farm Visit Checklist: Seed Production

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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YES NO

Email address:..... Contact Number:

PARTICIPANT REPORT

CATEGORY	OBSERVATION			COMMENTS
History of the farm				
First impression	Fenced clean & tidy	Open clean & tidy	Unkempt	
History of land	Fallow	Non chemical activity	Chemical agriculture	
Soil Fertility and Management				
Compost	On farm	Sourced from outside farm	Both	
Animal Manure	Animal manures used	Animal manures not used		
Mulching	Mulch (dry)	Mulch (living)	None	
Crop control	Crop Rotation	Companion Planting	Green manure/Cover Crops	
Soil Type	Sandy	Clay	Loamy	
Organic Matter in Soil	Very visible	Somewhat visible	Not visible	
Additional material/inputs sources	Animal manures	Mulch	Green manures	
Soil	No-till	By hand or walk-behind tractor	Tractor	
Seed Production				
Original seeds	Purchased	Seed bank/ seed swop	Self-harvested	
Type of seeds used	Organic	Conventional untreated	Treated	
Pollination	Open pollinated	Plants isolated	Hand pollinated	

Isolation	Self-pollinated plants isolated from insects to prevent crossing.	Wind pollinated plants grown in tunnels, isolated from other wind pollen.	Insect pollinated plants alternate day caged	
Water				
Source of Water	Municipal	Borehole / Spring/Tanks/dam	Rainwater	
Test	Yes	No	Results:	
Water Management & Conservation techniques	Swales	Raised beds	Contouring	
	Signs of erosion	Mulch	Plant cover	
Biodiversity				
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 (%)	
Strategies for Newly cleared/ cultivated land	Signs of herbicide	Burning	Chipped material Mowed material	
Plant Health				
Signs of pests	No visibility	Low visibility	High visibility	
Signs of disease	No visibility	Low visibility	High visibility	
Signs of weeds/ weed population	Low	High	Signs of herbicide use	
Crop Pest / disease control	Self-made	Purchased input	Both	
	Wildlife habitat	Biodiversity of plants/ companion planting	Preventative methods e.g.Traps/ predators	
Methods for weed control	Removed by hand	Mowed	Signs of herbicide use	
Contamination risk				
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				
Harvesting & packing	By hand	Machine	Labels	
Storage of seeds	Refrigerated	Dry/Dark/cool	Protected from pests	
Packaging materials	Biodegradable	Recyclable	Neither	
Cleaning & sanitation	Washing area clean	Cleaning materials – type		
Social responsibility	Contracted staff	Informal labour / Cooperative	Children participation in farm work	

