

FARM NAME _____

Doc.No. **2.65**

Title: **Policy for Production of Organic Transplants**

Effective Date: _____

Reviewed by: _____ GAP Coordinator, Date: _____

1. The areas (*either indoor or outdoor*) designated for organic transplant production must be clearly marked and labeled on the individual producer's field map (DOC 4.04).
2. Signage (DOC. 8.51) must be posted to designate the organic transplant area.
3. The area designated for organic transplant production must either maintain a physical dividing barrier in a greenhouse or a 30 ft. buffer zone if grown outdoors. (Buffer zones must be marked on field map DOC 4.04)
4. Any surface designed to hold transplants during production—benches, tables, counters, stands, etc.- must not contain any exposed treated wood. If any surface does contain treated wood, a non-permeable barrier such as plastic sheeting cover said wood surfaces so that transplants do not make contact.
5. All plant growing surfaces must be prewashed, sanitized and rinsed with a 10% chlorine bleach solution (DOC 2.52) before use. This activity must be documented (DOC 3.42).
6. Containers for transplant production such as seed trays, web trays, cell trays, etc. must either:
 - a. Be new with documented purchase date and receipt of purchase (DOC 4.58)
 - b. Be prewashed, sanitized and rinsed using a 10% chlorine bleach solution (DOC 2.52) before use. This activity must be documented (DOC 3.42).
7. Only approved organic transplant/potting soils (DOC 6.04) may be used for organic transplant production. Documented proof of purchase/receipt should be maintained in the grower manual (DOC 4.58). Used bags should be collected for disposal but should be retained at the farm's trash disposal area for inspector's review.
8. Growers must use seed for transplant production that has been sourced only through Appalachian Harvest.
9. All pest management, fertility, irrigation, or other production activities for transplants must adhere to the Approved Input Matrix (DOC 6.04). These activities must be documented (DOC 3.42).
10. All transportation of transplants from growing area to field must be transported in equipment where contact surfaces have been cleaned using the established 10% chlorine bleach protocol (DOC 2.52). These activities must be documented (DOC 3.42).
11. After completion of transplant activities, reusable empty containers should be collected, washed and stored for future use. Damaged or single use cellpacks should be collected for disposal but should be retained at the farm's trash disposal area for inspector's review.