

FARM NAME _____

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Title: **Crop Protection Policy**

Effective Date: _____

Reviewed by: _____ GAP Coordinator, Date: _____

1. This farm strives first to use sustainable practices and integrated pest management as a first defense to plant pests, diseases and weeds.
2. The use of spray materials will be determined in conjunction with field scouting/monitoring and other methods of control to keep problems below an economic impact threshold.
3. Integrated pest management techniques include:
 - a. Improved varieties selected for disease resistance or tolerance
 - b. Crop rotations to manage soil borne and other disease problems
 - c. Soil management to include proper liming and fertilization based on crop grown, soil tests and tissue samples when needed
 - d. Tillage practices including no till and plasticulture
 - e. Drip irrigation and water management
 - f. Cover crops and fallow seasons
4. All pesticides will be used based on label recommendations or special use permit
5. Pesticides will be used so that it has low impact on beneficial insects and honeybees
6. No biosolids or human sewage will be used on this farm.