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| **Operator #:** |  | **Operation Name:** |  | **Date:** |  |
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| **A. Origin of Bees** | | | | | |
| 1. Where do bee colonies originate?  On-farm. **Skip to question # 3.**  purchased. **Continue to question # 2.** | | | | | |
| 2. If purchased, were they organic?  YES  NO  If **YES**, what verification documentation is maintained to verify organic status?    If **NO**, please explain why organic bees were not purchased and the attempts to find organic bees. | | | | | |
| 3. What species and breed of bees are utilized? | | | | | |
| 4. When choosing the breed of bees to be reared, what factors (vitality, disease resistance, etc.) are taken into account? | | | | | |
| **B. Hives** | | | | | |
| 1. What materials are used in the construction of the hives? | | | | | |
| 2. Is treated lumber used in the construction of hives or in any other areas where bees congregate?  YES  NO  If **YES**, please describe where treated lumber is used. | | | | | |
| 3. Was beeswax replaced during the transition period?  Yes  NO | | | | | |
| 4. How often is beeswax replaced? | | | | | |
| 5. What is the source of the beeswax? | | | | | |
| 6. Is organic beeswax used in the hives?  YES  NO  If **YES** to above question and the beeswax is purchased, please submit documentation that verifies the organic status. | | | | | |
| 7. If non-organic beeswax is used, please explain why organic beeswax is not used.    Is non-organic beeswax proven to be free from contaminants?  YES  NO  If **YES**, how?    From what part of the hive did it come from? | | | | | |
| **C. Health** | | | | | |
| 1. What are the disease concerns with the apiary? | | | | | |
| 2. What specific measures are taken to ensure the health of the colonies and control disease? | | | | | |
| 3. If colonies do become diseased, how are they handled? | | | | | |
| 4. Are antibiotics ever used in the operation?  YES  NO  If **YES**, please describe how these colonies are handled and the type of documentation that is maintained to record the use of the antibiotics (specific records, what’s included, etc.). | | | | | |
| 5. If prohibited materials are used on a specific colony, is the wax in the hive replaced?  YES  NO  With what?    How long is the colony removed from organic production? | | | | | |
| 6. What information is recorded when health or other medicinal products are used? | | | | | |
| 7. Describe the sanitation and maintenance program that is in place in the apiary (including disinfection of the apiary). | | | | | |
| 8. How often are hives checked?  Daily  Weekly  Monthly  Other (specify): | | | | | |
| **D. Queens** | | | | | |
| 1. How are queen bees replaced in the apiary? | | | | | |
| 2. Do you try to ensure that families are crossbred?  YES  NO | | | | | |
| 3. Are the wings of queens clipped?  YES  NO | | | | | |
| 4. Are any queens artificially inseminated?  YES  NO | | | | | |
| 5. At what time of year are colonies destroyed? | | | | | |
| 6. How is the destruction of the colonies performed? | | | | | |
| **E. Maintenance of Organic Integrity** | | | | | |
| 1. Please describe how organic and non-organic hives are identified (signs, painted, etc.). | | | | | |
| 2. Is an I.D. marking system used?  YES  NO  If **YES**, please describe. | | | | | |
| 3. Which of the following safeguards are used to prevent accidental contamination?  None  Written notification to:  government/highway departments  electric companies  aerial spray companies/airports  adjoining landowners  drainage commissions  Farm Service office  other (specify): | | | | | |
| 4. Have you posted “No Spray” signs along roadsides that adjoin organic apiaries?  YES  NO | | | | | |
| 5. Is any non-organic honey harvested by your operation?  YES  NO  If **YES**, please clearly describe the measures (clean-downs, audit trail documents, etc.) taken to ensure that there is no commingling or organic and non-organic honey/honey products during harvest or production. | | | | | |
| 6. Are the areas involved in parallel honey production located at the same site (meaning part of the same production unit and not located in a different area)?  YES  NO | | | | | |
| 7. Will the non-organic honey/products be stored in an area/unit that is completely separate from areas/units used to store the organic honey/products?  YES  NO  If **YES**, please describe where the honey/products will be stored. | | | | | |
| **F. Organic Fraud Prevention Plan** | | | | | |
| 1. How do you verify that inputs are allowed under the NOP?  Use OMRI-Listed Products  Send to OCIA for approval prior to purchase  Cross-check input invoices verses container received  Other (explain): | | | | | |
| 2. If you have employees or use contract labor, do you train them on organic practices and regulations?  YES  NO  N/A, no employees or contract labor | | | | | |