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## **OCIA Outstanding Organic Farmer of the Year Application**

Thank you for entering the OCIA Research and Education Board's "Outstanding Organic Farmer of the Year Award". Please feel free to fill out the questionnaire using additional sheets and indicate the question number on the additional sheets. Be sure to sign this form and send it to Angie Tunink by December 15<sup>th</sup>. Include the chapter member or chapter administrator's name that provided assistance in completing the form.

### **Section 1: General Information**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name:

Farm/Operation Name:

Address:

City/State/Province:

Zip/Postal Code:

Country:

Phone/E-mail:

OCIA Member Number:

Producer Number:

What was the first year you were certified organic?

Have you been or are you certified with another organization? No: \_\_\_ Yes: \_\_\_

If so, please list Agency name:

Legal Status: Sole Proprietorship: \_\_\_ Trust/Non-profit: \_\_\_ Legal Partnership  
(Federal Form 1065): \_\_\_ Corporation: \_\_\_ Other (please specify):

Are you presently in good standing with all certifying agencies?

### **Section 2: Cropping and Livestock**

(1) List the crops you have grown over the past three-year period. Please explain why certain rotations were used on your farm and why you grow these crops. Include the varieties of these crops.

(2) List your livestock species and breed. Tell how they fit into your organic farming system.

### **Section 3: Environment**

(1) Describe what practices you use to maintain the natural environment in and around your farm.

(2) How do you enhance the natural environment in and around your farm?

### **Section 4: Farm Practices and Farming Innovations**

(1) Explain what you do to control pests and weeds on your operation.

- (2) Give an explanation of what you do to improve the quality of your soil.
- (3) Describe innovative and/or unique farming practices used on your organic farm.

**Section 5: Food Handling** This may include harvesting techniques, storage, processing and marketing of crops you grow. Describe how the practices used ensure the integrity and safety of organic food products to organic customers.

**Section 6: Farm Safety** In this section, describe some of the safety practices used to ensure the safety of everyone involved in the daily operation of your organic farm.

**Section 7: Organic Involvement** List any committees or boards you may have been on or offices you held or worked on that helped promote or support organic agriculture and OCIA.

**Section 8: Other Interests** Tell us about yourself. Include family information (if applicable) hobbies, community involvement or anything you would like to tell us about yourself outside of organics.

Thank you for your participation in the Outstanding Organic Farmer of the Year.

Applicant's signature\_\_\_\_\_

OCIA Chapter #\_\_\_\_\_

Person(s) who assisted in completing application\_\_\_\_\_