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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 [ ]  NOIf **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 [ ]  NOIf **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 [ ]  NOIf **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 [ ]  NOIf **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 [ ]  NOIf **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 [ ]  NOWith 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 [ ]  NOIf **YES**, please describe. |
| 3. Which of the following safeguards are used to prevent accidental contamination? [ ]  NoneWritten 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 [ ]  NOIf **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 [ ]  NOIf **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 |