

**STATEMENT OF WORK**  
**Transition to Organic Production (789)**  
**Maryland**

These deliverables apply to this individual practice. For other planned practice deliverables, refer to those specific Statements of Work.

Items marked with an asterisk (\*) will be delivered to the Designated Conservationist

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## DESIGN

### Deliverables:

1. The process of the transition to organic production shall be documented in a plan that will demonstrate that the criteria in NRCS practice standard have been met and are compatible with other planned and applied practices.
2. Practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan.
3. List of required permits to be obtained by the client. All methods of organic production must comply with Federal, State, and local regulations, including the Organic Food Production Act of 1990, as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501 at seq.), and regulations with the National Organic Program final rule (7 CFR Part 205).
4. List of facilitating practices.
5. Practice standard criteria-related inventories and analyses shall be documented including but not limited to:
  - a. Resource inventories.
  - b. All methods of organic production in the operation.
6. **\*Operation and maintenance plan.**
7. Modifications to the plan during the implementation phase shall be documented.

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## INSTALLATION

### Deliverables

1. Delay of installation until TSP receives written verification from NRCS that all NEPA requirements have been satisfied for this practice.
2. Pre-application conference with client.
3. Verification that client has obtained required permits.
4. Application assistance.
5. Facilitate and implement the transition process to organic production.
6. **\*Signed *Warranty of Technical Services Provided* form indicating compliance with practice standard criteria and applicable laws and regulations.**
7. **\*Advise client/NRCS on compliance issues with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations and NRCS policies during installation.**

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## CHECK OUT

### Deliverables

1. **\*Records of application.**
  - a. **Extent of practice units applied.**
2. **\*Signed *Warranty of Technical Services Provided* form indicating compliance with practice standard criteria and applicable laws and regulations.**
3. Progress reporting.

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## REFERENCES

- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Section IV, Conservation Practice Standard – Transition to Organic Production 789
- NRCS National Environmental Compliance Handbook
- NRCS National Biology Manual
- NRCS National Biology Handbook
- NRCS National Agronomy Manual
- NOFA-NY Organic Farm and Handling/Processing Certification Standards and Administrative Procedures, current edition. Available from NOFA-NY Certified Organic LLC. Phone 607-724-9851 <http://www.nofany.org>
- Organic Materials Review Institute, <http://www.omri.org>, lists of allowed products
- ATTRA website, <http://www.attra.org>, for information on crops, pest control, etc.
- Soil Biology Primer – Soil and Water Conservation Society, publication, [www.swcs.org](http://www.swcs.org)
- Building Soils for Better Crops, Fred Magdoff and Harold van Es, Sustainable Agricultural Network, [www.sare.org](http://www.sare.org)
- [www.nysipm.cornell.edu](http://www.nysipm.cornell.edu)