

Parallel Production

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Parallel crop production

The entire agricultural operation shall be managed in compliance with the requirements applicable to organic production.

However, an **operation may be split up into clearly separated units which are not all managed according to the organic rules.**

Different plant varieties that can be easily differentiated shall be involved. The parallel production of the same plant varieties, both annual and perennial crops, is not allowed.

The operator shall keep the land, and products used for, or produced by, the organic units separate from those used for, or produced by, the non-organic units and keep adequate records to show the separation.

For annual crops, the cultivation of the same variety on organic and fields in conversion to organic is not allowed.

For perennial crops, which require a cultivation period of at least three years, where varieties cannot be easily differentiated, the cultivation of the same variety on organic and fields in conversion to organic is allowed if following conditions are met:

- The operator submits a conversion plan which provides for the beginning of the conversion of the last part of the area to organic production in the shortest possible period which may not exceed a maximum of five years;

- appropriate measures have been taken to ensure the permanent separation of the products obtained from each unit concerned;
- SRS is notified of the harvest of each of the products concerned at least 48 hours in advance;
- upon completion of the harvest, the producer informs SRS of the exact quantities harvested on the units concerned and of the measures applied to separate the products;
- the conversion plan has been approved by SRS; this approval shall be confirmed each year after the start of the conversion plan.

Seed & planting material production

In the case of production of seed, vegetative propagating material and transplants the producer may run organic and non-organic production units in the same area if following conditions are met:

- appropriate measures have been taken to ensure the permanent separation of the products obtained from each unit concerned;
- SRS is notified of the harvest of each of the products concerned at least 48 hours in advance;
- upon completion of the harvest, the producer informs SRS of the exact quantities harvested on the units concerned and of the measures applied to separate the products.