

NEIGHBOR NOTICE CONTAMINATION PREVENTION

Dear Neighbor,

I have recently enrolled in an Organic Certification Program as required by Federal Standards for Organic Producers. I am informing all persons neighboring my production site, located at _____, that this property is a Certified Organic Farm. This Notice is given so as to prevent unintentional contamination from material prohibited in organic agriculture. Prohibited materials may enter the property from the air by drift or from the ground by water run-off, originating from non-organic farms.

Besides using common sense and using the state regulations for the application of farm chemicals, I would ask, if you do plan to use non-organic farm chemicals on your property adjacent to mine, that you please use extra caution when approaching our boundary. Spraying on days with as little wind as possible, shutting down your spray rig at least 30-feet prior to reaching our border and using caution not to allow irrigation run-off to seep onto my land, would all be courtesies that I would appreciate.

Organic products have tolerances for small amounts of atmospheric pollutant residues, however I could lose my Certification and my market if pesticide or fertility chemical residues are detected at the rates that could occur from improperly controlled neighboring drifts.

I send you this letter as a courtesy and I wish to maintain our cordial neighborly relationship. Thank you for your attention and for your cooperation regarding this matter.

Sincerely,