Beginning Farmer Organic Certification Guide

A guide to the organic certification process for beginning farmers. It outlines the general steps to learn the rules, keep records, and work with a certifier.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Learn the national organic standards
2. Find an accredited certifier
3. Review land history requirements
4. Draft an organic system plan
5. Set up record keeping
6. Plan input and seed sourcing
7. Schedule the inspection
8. Respond to certifier questions

YOUR NOTES

TIP Contact a certifier early and ask what records they want you to start keeping.