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I am a certified organic vegetable farmer growing on 55 acres. I grow 50 different crops on a small scale. Fields are diverse.

Complete records of every bed is not feasible.

I have been certified organic for 19 years.

Record keeping requirements are very difficult for me. The certifier is pushing computer based records.

Excessive record keeping requirements will result in my farm dropping the certification.

The recordkeeping requirements that are in place are for the benefit of large corporate farms that have staff and technology that can handle the requirements

I find that the certifying agency staff can easily create excessive work for the Grower with a request. For example: documentation that plastic mulch has no PVC. A small Grower has no authority to ask the manufacturer of the mulch for this information. So we are relying on the supplier who has a little incentive to provide the needed information. USDA is the one that should be asking manufacturers for specific information not to Grower.

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