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General Comment

Time to Update your organic system plan each year?

- It takes about 1 hour to review last year's report and make notes.
- Meeting with the organic farmer and going through the OGP form together usually takes about 4 hours, including discussion and questions.
- Collecting data, taking photographs, making maps and spreadsheets for seed and field history usually takes 3-4 days of focused attention @ 10 hrs/day.
- Final review and signing with farm manager = 1 hr
- Printing and copying at Office Depot or Staples = 2hrs. We make 2 copies for the certifying agency, one for the farm owner, one for me(the consultant), and 2 for the farm (one as a permanent record and one as a working copy).
- There will then be follow-up time when the inspector makes inquiries about different aspects of the OGP, sometimes 12 hrs.
- This comes to approximately 60 hrs and may be spread over a month or more to complete from start to finish.