## Soil Association Certification – Crop Management Plan Template

You can record the details of how you are meeting the requirements of standards 2.5 (fertilisers and soil conditioners) and 2.6 (controlling pests and disease) in this crop management plan template. Please submit this to the Producer Certification Team for review and keep an up to date copy on file for your inspection.

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| **Licence Number:** | **Date Completed/of last review:** |
| **Name and position in business:** | |

1. Please detail your planned crop rotation(s) below:

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**Crop inputs:**

1. Do you use the following strategies to build and maintain fertility?

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| Varied crop rotation: |  |
| Including legumes in the rotation: |  |
| Including green manures in the rotation |  |
| Application of livestock manure or other organic material |  |
| Other: | | |

1. Standard 2.5.1 allows the use of a restricted list of fertilisers and soil conditioners if the measures and practices required in standard 2.4.1 are not adequate to meet the nutritional needs of your plants.

You must keep records to demonstrate why you need to use these products, this could include soil analysis, nutrient budgeting or foliar symptoms.

Please list below inputs that you may use throughout the growing year:

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| **Input Name** | **Brand/ Supplier** | **Crop** | **How will you identify a need for use of this supplementary nutrient?** | **Maximum quantity of nutrient applied per ha** | **How is the nutrient, application method and timing appropriate to your soil type and crop needs?** |
| *(Example) PAS 100 Green Waste Compost* | *Council Waste Services* | *Potatoes (prior to planting)* | *Nutrient budgeting* | *8 tonne fresh weight/ ha* | *Nutrient budget used to quantify crop offtake and match application rate to the crops needs. Application made early spring prior to planting* |
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**Plant protection products**

1. Standard 2.6.1 requires the design and management of your organic system to rely primarily on organic preventative measures and practices to control and prevent damage caused by pests, diseases and weeds.

Please indicate below which strategies you use for pest and disease management on your farm:

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| Creating fertile soils with high biodiversity |  |
| Choosing appropriate species and varieties resistant to pests and diseases |  |
| Grafting onto resistant rootstock |  |
| Appropriate crop rotation |  |
| Protecting and encouraging natural enemies of pests/ introducing natural predators |  |
| Mechanical and physical methods of control. |  |
| Managing planting dates for greater pest and disease control |  |
| Pre-emergence and post-emergence mechanical weeding |  |
| Thermal processes |  |
| Using steam to sterilise buildings and equipment |  |
| Using good husbandry and hygiene practices to limit the spread of any pests or disease. |  |
| Other: | | |

1. Standard 2.6.2 allows the use of a restricted list of plant protection products if plants cannot be protected by the organic preventative measures and practices described in 2.6.1

You must keep records to demonstrate why you need to use these products.

Please list below the plant protection products that you may use throughout the growing year:

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| **Plant Protection Product – Active Ingredient** | **Crop** | **Target pest or disease** | **Application Rate and Method** | **How are pest and disease levels monitored?** | **Threshold for use.** |
| *(Example)* Ferric phosphate | *Salads* | *Slugs* | *5kg/ha to be surface spread between cultivated plants.* | *Crop damage is monitored as percentage of leaf surface area damaged.* | *When there is > 30% crop damage due to slugs.* |
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1. Please describe how when using any plant protection products, you prevent damage to non-target species:

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this plan, please return this to the Producer Certification Team at [farming.growing@soilasssociation.org](mailto:farming.growing@soilasssociation.org) or post it to Soil Association Certification Limited, Spear House, 51 Victoria Street, Bristol, BS1 6AD.