

Sustainability in Practice (SIP)[™]

Vineyard Certification Program



Information Package & Standards Updates

2012

Following are the updates made to the 2011 Information Package and Standards which will apply to the current 2012 Information Package and Standards. **All changes, updates, and new questions are shown in bold.** The 2012 SIP Certification cycle runs from December 1, 2011 through November 30, 2012. Please make sure that you update your materials and documentation to reflect these changes in addition to annually updating your documentation for certification compliance. The 2012 Information Package and Standards can be found online at sipcertified.org on the "Apply" page. Email me for an editable version.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Information Package

Year 1 of Certification Cycle and Years 2 and 3 of Certification Cycle (last paragraphs)

Audits must be completed between June 1 and July 15. **Documentation received by your auditor after the July 15 deadline is subject to a late penalty. You will be charged \$250 for documentation received after July 20 and \$500 for documentation received after July 31.**

Vineyard Eligibility

(2nd paragraph) Following the August CAC meeting, applicants will be notified of the eligibility decision. Notification will include a Letter of Eligibility (if applicable) and a copy of the auditor's report. If a vineyard is eligible for certification, this notification will also include a Vineyard Certification Agreement and Fee Worksheet (attached for reference). **Applicants placed on hold pending submittal of additional documentation will need to complete the requirements by the date specified in their Letter of Eligibility.**

Once the fully executed Vineyard Certification Agreement and applicable fees (paid on 100% of audited acres) have been received, program staff will provide ~~documentation of vineyard certification a~~ **Certification Letter** and accompanying materials. **The Certification Letter lists final certified acres so it is imperative that the applicant carefully reviews the information for accuracy. If the applicant feels that any information is inaccurate they have 30 days to contact program staff.**

Wine Audit Process

All wineries will receive a chain of custody audit for each application.

Chain of Custody Audit...hardcopy chain of custody documentation **offsite**.

3 Soil Conservation and Water Quality

3.2.2.10 Do your diesel and gas tanks have secondary containment?

YES: 2 NO: 0 NOT APPLICABLE: NA

3.3.1.3 You must have a minimum of two management practices in place to minimize the offsite movement of sediment and organic soil amendments and to minimize non-point source pollution of surface waters.

Cover crop (resident or planted) Hay bales/straw Silt pond
 Filter Strip (resident or planted) Jute netting Waddles
 Mulching Other:

Provide photo documentation.

3.3.2.7 If vegetation is excluded below the vines during winter, strip should not exceed:

< 30" YES: 4
30 - 48" YES: 2
> 48" NO: 0

If yes, provide photo documentation with measuring tape.

5 Energy Conservation and Efficiency

5.1.1.1 Well and pump performance must be tested at least every ~~5~~-3 years.

Attach most recent well and pump performance test results.

5.1.2.3 Have you implemented a shop/office equipment energy efficiency plan which includes recording your total shop/office energy use per year and conducted an annual per acre energy usage analysis?

YES: ~~5~~ 4 NO: 0

If yes, attach shop/office equipment energy efficiency plan and per acre energy usage analysis.

Does your shop/office policy include at least two of the following:

YES: 1 NO: 0

Radiant barriers/reflective materials

T5 florescent light bulbs

Automatic sensors

Natural lighting

Other:

5.1.2.4 Do you check energy bills for spikes or inconsistencies every billing cycle?

YES: 1 NO: 0

If yes, explain process and identify person responsible.

5.1.2.5 (formerly 5.1.2.4)

5.1.2.6 Do you use a variable speed drive for irrigation pumping to manage energy use efficiency on your vineyard?

YES: 2 NO: 0

If yes, attach photo and specify model, serial number, and location of variable speed drive.

5.1.2.7 (formerly 6.1.2.9) Are light duty jobs done with All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) instead of tractors?

YES: 2 NO: 0

If yes, provide photo documentation of ATVs and a list of practices which utilize ATVs.

5.1.2.8 (formerly 6.1.2.15) Do you have a vineyard pass reduction protocol?

YES: 2 NO: 0

If yes, provide explanation of pass reduction protocol.

5.1.2.9 (formerly 5.1.2.5)

5.1.2.10 (formerly 5.1.2.6) Do you use alternate energy sources including solar, wind, or other alternative power for a portion of your vineyard energy needs?

YES: ~~6~~ 5 NO: 0

If yes, provide documentation of alternative energy use (photo documentation is sufficient).

5.1.2.11 (formerly 5.1.2.7)

6 Air Quality

6.1.2.1 Do you have a dust abatement plan?

If yes, ~~indicate roads on ranch map and~~ provide documentation.

6.1.2.7 Do you utilize chipping or mulching instead of burning on more than 90% of your vineyard wood residue?

YES: ~~6-5~~ NO: 0

~~6.1.2.9 (move to 5.1.2.7) Do you use All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) in your vineyard?~~

6.1.2.9 (formerly 6.1.2.10)

6.1.2.10 (formerly 6.1.2.11)

6.1.2.11 (formerly 6.1.2.12)

6.1.2.12 (formerly 6.1.2.13)

~~6.1.2.14 Are pesticide applications prohibited when wind speeds exceed 8 mph?~~

~~6.1.2.15 (move to 5.1.2.8) Have you combined tractor operations to reduce the number of passes?~~

6.1.2.13 Do you have and document training for your equipment operators to be aware of creating particulate matter pollution and to adjust their operations to reduce that pollution?

YES: 3 NO: 0

If yes, attach training records.

7 Social Equity

7.6.2.3 Do you have a written and uniformly implemented disciplinary program with stepped and progressive procedures in place? The program must describe a process to improve performance problems that includes opportunity for worker input.

YES: 32 NO: 0

7.7.2.2 Do you recycle your used bird netting and/or drip hose through the Crop Recycling Program or at another recycling facility?

YES: 2 NO: 0

If yes, explain your recycling program.

7.7.2.3 (formerly 7.7.2.2) Are your procurement procedures based on specific criteria including price, dependability and environmental considerations?

YES: 32 NO: 0

7.7.2.4 (formerly 7.7.2.3)