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How to Create Compliant Parcel Maps

A parcel map must include the following and should be satellite imagery when possible:

- Directional arrow.
- Parcel boundaries outlining the entire area intended for certification. Include all acreage that you plan to use for organic crop production. Exclude **non-production** areas noted below.
- Notation of total parcel acreage (acreage within the parcel boundaries that you may use for organic crop production).
- Block names/numbers including greenhouses/shadehouses (when applicable).
- Location and size of buffer zone (width and length in feet).
- Distance to, and identification of, adjoining land uses.
- Landmarks (such as railroads, roadways, any landmarks used to navigate to the parcel).
- Natural resources (such as waterways, woodlands, riparian areas, windbreaks, beneficial habitat, conservation areas, wildlife corridors, etc.).
- Other organically managed areas included in your OSP (such as on-farm storage, post-harvest handling locations, etc.).
- Needs for certified organic livestock (when applicable): water, permanent fencing, shade and shelter.
- Existing installations of treated lumber.

Non-production areas such as homes and parking areas should not be included within parcel boundaries. All areas of production and/or handling that are included and described within your Organic System Plan (e.g. post-harvest handling, crop storage, etc.) should be identified on your maps.



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