

Contract no. _____

Organic produce in Uganda

between

Name of the company

and

Farmer's name: _____

Located at: _____

Code number: _____

This farmer grows and sells organic produce to [name of the company]

Introduction

[Name of the company] is a limited company that exports organic products from Uganda.

It should be noted that organic production does not only mean not use of synthetic chemicals. But it involves the basic principles and practices aimed at a sustainable production system based on ecological cycles and precaution. Key characteristics of a sustainable system are:

- Relying on local, venerable resources.
- Making efficient use of solar energy and the production potential of biological systems.
- Maintaining the fertility of the soil with mulching, cover cropping and contours.
- Maximizing re-circulators of plant nutrients and organic matter.
- Maintaining genetic diversity in the production system as well as the agricultural landscape.
- Giving farm animals' life conditions that correspond to their ecological role and allow than a natural behavior.

General clauses of the contract:

1. The farmer and [name of the company] have come to an agreement that they will produce quality organic produce fit for the consumer.
2. All crops must be grown without the use of synthetic chemical. Some trees should also be planted in the fields, and control of soil erosion should be done.
3. All the parties involved agree to abide by the laws that govern organic agriculture.
4. Farmers will only use concoctions made from botanicals like tephrozia, marigold, chilies, neem etc. In cases where pests invade their fields farmers will report immediately to the [Company]’s field officer
5. Farmers shall use composite manure from their own farms and cover crops for soil fertility.
6. Farmers have to mulch their gardens.
7. Farmers must not use herbicide for weed control.
8. No synthetic chemicals are allowed at the farm.
9. Farmers must intercrop their fields, and should introduce fruits trees within their fields. At least every acre of land must have 10 trees.
10. Growing of leguminous trees is encouraged in the project.
11. Mulching and contours will reduce soil erosion.
12. Records of all farm operations must be kept.

The farmer agrees:

- a. To allow inspectors from certification body to visit and inspect his/her farm any time they wish.
- b. To get advise on organic agriculture from [name of the company] extension and field staff.
- c. That she/he will not buy produce from other farmers and sell that produce to [name of the company]
- d. That she/he will grow and sell organic produce to [name of the company]

The company agrees:

- a. To pay farmers cash for quality produce they have supplied.
- b. To buy produce from the farmer depending on the size of export orders received.

- c. To train farmers where need arises and to organise for farmers study visits to other organic products in the country.

Duration of this agreement:

- a. This contract must be respected all the time [name of the company] is certified organic.
- b. For all the time the farmer is selling produce to [name of the company].
- c. If the farmer fails to follow the procedures in this contract, [name of the company] will have the right to stop buying from the farmer until the matter is resolved. And if the farmer is found using synthetic chemicals then this contract will be put on hold.
- d. Any of the parties can terminate this agreement by informing the concerned party 4 months in advance.

Produce will be bought at a price 10% higher than the farm gate price. This increase in price is to help farmer manage his farm and aim at a sustainable production system based on ecological cycles.

Acknowledgement:

Farmer's names	signature	place/date
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Project officer [Name of the company]	signature	place/ date
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Project manager [Name of the company]	signature	place/ date
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In the presence of:

1. _____ name	signature
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2. _____ name	signature
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