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<b>Element 1</b>	<b>Riparian/Wetland</b>	<b>Evidence Needed</b>	<b>Basic (Level One)</b>	<b>Intermediate (Level Two)</b>	<b>Advanced (Level Three)</b>
<i>Issue:</i>					
1	Riparian Buffer Zone	Measurement of riparian buffer zone	under 25 feet	25-50 feet	50 feet plus
2	Evidence of Stream Channel Modification	Visual inspection	Yes	Some	None or Improvements
3	Presences/Diversity of Riparian Vegetation	Visual inspection	No Diversity	Some Diversity	Broad Diversity
4	Stream Crossings	Visual inspection	Excessive/Poor Design	Some	Minimal and well Designed
5	Riparian Inventory	List of riparian species	None	Partial	Complete
6	Evidence of Sediment/Run Off	Visual inspection	Major	Minor	No Evidence
<b>Totals per Level</b>					
<b>Overall Determination (circle one):</b>			<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>	
<b>Comments:</b>					

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<b>Element 2</b>	<b>Soil and Water Conservation</b>	<b>Evidence Needed</b>	<b>Basic (Level One)</b>	<b>Intermediate (Level Two)</b>	<b>Advanced (Level Three)</b>
<i>Issue:</i>					
1	Operation has knowledge of soil and water conservation practices.	Education, background, etc.	None	Moderate	Extensive
2	Soil and Water Management Plan in Place	Record of Plan	None	Moderate	Extensive
3	Tillage Practices Promote Soil Conservation	Records of tillage practices	No	Moderate	Yes
4	Buffer Strips Around Fields	Visual inspection	None	Moderate	Extensive
5	Farm Roads/Paths Routed to Minimize Erosion	Erosion considered in traffic plans; visual inspection	No	Moderate	Yes
6	Critical Areas at Risk of Erosion are Protected	Critical areas identified; visual inspection	No	Moderate	Yes
<b>Totals per Level</b>					
<b>Overall Determination (circle one):</b>			<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>	
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<b>Element 3</b>	<b>Nutrient Management</b>	<b>Evidence Needed</b>	<b>Basic (Level One)</b>	<b>Intermediate (Level Two)</b>	<b>Advanced (Level Three)</b>
Issue: 1	Soil Chemistry/Nutrient Analysis	Record of analysis	None	Some	Routinely Conducted
2	Timing of Nutrient Application	Records of nutrient application	Inappropriate	Appropriate	Designed to Minimize Runoff
3	Soil Compaction	Visual inspection	Apparent	Not Apparent	Minimized by operations
4	Nutrient Management Plan	Record of Plan	None	In place	In placed and followed
<b>Totals per Level</b>					
<b>Overall Determination (circle one):</b>			<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>	
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<b>Element 4</b>	<b>Site Selection</b>	<b>Evidence Needed</b>	<b>Basic (Level One)</b>	<b>Intermediate (Level Two)</b>	<b>Advanced (Level Three)</b>
<i>Issue:</i>					
1	Drainage	Visible evidence and interviews	Standing water	Winter pooling	Well drained
2	Soil Analysis before planting	Record of analysis	No Analysis	Partial Analysis	Complete Site Analysis
3	Organic Matter Analysis before planting	Record of analysis	No Analysis	Complete Site Analysis	Complete Site Analysis and Amendments Added
4	Site Appropriate for Species Grown	Visual inspection; knowledge of native species	Inappropriate	Appropriate	Optimal/Native
<b>Totals per Level</b>					
<b>Overall Determination (circle one):</b>			<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>	
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<b>Element 5</b>	<b>Pest Management</b>	<b>Evidence Needed</b>	<b>Basic (Level One)</b>	<b>Intermediate (Level Two)</b>	<b>Advanced (Level Three)</b>
<i>Issue:</i> 1	Pest Management System	Record of System	Not in place	Basic plan in place	IPM Program
2	Chemical Application/Timing	Records of chemical application	Inappropriate	Appropriate	Optimal
3	Employee Training on Use/Handling	Training records	Absent	Minimal	Extensive
4	Chemical selection	Records of chemicals used	Inappropriate	Industry Standards	Lowest Toxicity Possible
5	Pesticide Usage Documentation	Records of pesticide usage	Not Documented	Partial Documentation	Extensive Documentation
6	Spray Equipment Maintenance	Maintenance records	Poorly/Not Maintained	Maintained	Well Maintained
7	Chemical Storage	Visual inspection	Unmanaged	Managed	Managed and Secure
8	Practice Alternatives to Chemical Use	Records of chemicals used, interviews	Never	Occasionally	Whenever Possible
<b>Totals per Level</b>					
<b>Overall Determination (circle one):</b>			<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>	
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<b>Element 6</b>	<b>Employee Health and Hygiene</b>	<b>Evidence Needed</b>	<b>Basic (Level One)</b>	<b>Intermediate (Level Two)</b>	<b>Advanced (Level Three)</b>
<i>Issue:</i>					
1	Employee Safety Program	Records of Program	None in Place	Basic Plan in Place	Documented System
2	Toilet Facilities Available to All Employees	Inspection	No	All	All
3	First Aid Supplies Available to All Employees	Inspection	No	At least 50%	All
4	Supervisors are Trained in First Aid	Training records	No	At least 50%	All
5	Work Areas Free of Garbage and Debris	Inspection	No	Mostly	Yes
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<b>Overall Determination (circle one):</b>			<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>	
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<b>Element 7</b>	<b>Biodiversity</b>	<b>Evidence Needed</b>	<b>Basic (Level One)</b>	<b>Intermediate (Level Two)</b>	<b>Advanced (Level Three)</b>
<i>Issue:</i> 1	Crops co-exist with Natural Ecosystems	Visual inspection	Poorly	Somewhat	Compatible/Native Crops
2	Farm Plan Enhances Native Wildlife	Records of native wildlife consideration in Plan	Fails to Recognize	Recognizes/Protects	Enhances
3	Soil Profile Maintained		No	Moderate	Extensive
4	Management Practices Promote Diversity	Records that diversity promotion was considered by mgmt	No Diversity	Somewhat Diverse	Broad Diversity
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<b>Overall Determination (circle one):</b>			<b>Pass</b>	<b>Fail</b>	
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<b>Element 8</b>	<b>Consumer Education</b>	<b>Evidence Needed</b>	<b>Basic (Level One)</b>	<b>Intermediate (Level Two)</b>	<b>Advanced (Level Three)</b>
<i>Issue:</i>					
1	Consumer Education Programs	Records of Programs	None	Basic	Extensive
2	Provides Tree Care Instructions	Review records	None	Basic on 50% of trees	Detailed on all trees
3	Provides Recycling Information	Review records	None	Basic	Detailed
<b>Totals per Level</b>					
<b>Overall Determination (circle one):</b> <b>Pass</b> <b>Fail</b>					
<b>Comments:</b>					