

## *PA- Supplemental Guidance*

**WQL-20** **Transition to Organic Cropping Systems** - The transition period is a period of time (minimum of 3 years) that the operation is managed according to the National Organic Program requirements, but is not a Certified Organic operation. During the transition period all substances used on the farm must be in accordance with the National List of Allowed Synthetic and Prohibited Natural Substances.

If the producer requests this enhancement, they are agreeing to become a Certified Organic operation by the end of the contract. A copy of their Organic System Plan (OSP), as approved by the selected certifying organization, must be submitted to the NRCS office.

Organic systems will rely on diverse crop rotations, dense cover crops, biodegradable mulches, or cultivation at a primary means of IMP. If using cultivation, soil disturbance cannot exceed the benchmark disturbance level identified in the CMT tool during the interview.

Additional information regarding the National Organic Program, program requirements, certifying organizations, or approved substances can be found at the USDA-AMS website <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/>.

### Cropland – System/acre

Not compatible with AIR04, AIR07, ANM21, ANM22, SOE02, SQL06

The unit in which this enhancement will be scheduled will be based only on the acres being transitioned to organic. You must identify the actual acreage and location where this enhancement will be adopted.

No additional guidance for 2011-1