

# Wholesome Food Association Producer's Pledge

***This form is divided into five sections. Sections A and B must be completed by everyone and the other three sections only if you are growing/producing in the particular area covered.***

The signature(s) on this pledge binds the named affiliated WFA producer(s) to the spirit and practice of growing produce free from artificial pesticides, fertilisers and other chemical inputs, according to WFA principles.

All WFA affiliated producers must complete, sign and return this form to WFA HQ before any trading can take place using the WFA symbol.

## **Section A: Basic Information**

1. Name(s) .....
2. Size of production area: .....sq. feet..... or acres.
3. Total size of land owned or rented.....acre(s)
4. Membership of horticultural, agricultural, organic or sympathetic to organic groups.  
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5. Please give details of any agricultural or horticultural qualifications.  
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6. Range of crops, products, animals to be grown/produced:  
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7. Has the land had any applications of pesticides or artificial fertilisers in the last two years? Yes/No  
If yes, please specify:  
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### ***I/WE undertake and pledge to:***

- ***Grow and/or produce according to WFA principles.***
- ***Discuss and peacefully resolve any disagreements or disputes.***
- ***Include any variations to the WFA principles accurately in section B***

Signed ..... Date ..... Name .....

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***PLEASE PHOTOCOPY THIS COMPLETED FORM: retain one copy and send the original to WFA (address on final page). Make further copies as necessary to give to retailers and show to any customers who want more information about your growing methods.***

**Section B: Temporary, minor variances from WFA principles**

1. Please make a list of any minor, temporary variances from the WFA principles to include the following *use separate sheet if insufficient space*:

- a) Which principle was varied?  
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- b) Why was the variance necessary?  
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- c) What steps will you take to eliminate the variance in the future?  
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- d) What is the projected date that the variance will be withdrawn?  
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2. How will/do you make information available on your growing/production methods?

- Open access during working hours Yes/No
- Advertised open days Yes/No
- Attendance at public open meetings Yes/No
- Other (please specify): .....

3. How do you encourage conservation and wildlife preservation?

- Wildlife ponds Yes/No
- Wild meadow areas Yes/No
- Habitat piles Yes/No
- Mixed hedges Yes/No
- Other (please specify): .....

4. Other information or comments? E.g. risk of pesticide drift or fertiliser leaching on to cropping area, or GM contaminated manures or animal feed or pollen decontamination.

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*Continue to the following pages and complete Sections C, D and/or E as relevant*

**Section C: Horticultural and Arable**

1. How do/will you supply the necessary plant nutrients for growing your crops?
 

Green manure	Yes/No
Composting (no GMO material)	Yes/No
Animal manures (must not come from animals fed with GMOs)	Yes/No
Liquid feeds	Yes/No
Organic fertilisers	Yes/No
Other (please specify) .....	
  
2. Which of the following methods of pest and disease controls do/will you use?
 

**Examples**

Rotation *	Yes/No	.....
Resistant varieties	Yes/No	.....
Companion planting	Yes/No	.....
Barriers	Yes/No	.....
Biological controls	Yes/No	.....
Natural balance	Yes/No	.....
Other (please specify): .....		
  
3. What system(s) of cultivation do/will you use?
 

Plough/deep dig	Yes/No
Rotovate/ single dig	Yes/No
No dig	Yes/No
Other (please specify): .....	
  
4. What system(s) of weed control do/will you use?
 

Organic mulches	Yes/No
Synthetic mulches	Yes/No
Flame control	Yes/No
Mechanical	Yes/No
Hand	Yes/No
Other (please specify): .....	
  
5. Please indicate your sources of:
 

Seeds .....	
Composts .....	
Sundries .....	

**Section D: Animal Production**

1. Describe the amount of free range capability and indoor density of your birds or animals.
 

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2. What percent animal/poultry feed will you plan to bring in from outside? .....%

3. Please explain why you believe the choice of birds/animals you raise, considering indoor/outdoor densities and feed brought in from outside, is sustainable.

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4. Do you agree that all livestock must be handled, housed and transported under conditions which reflect proper care and concern for their welfare at all times and which comply at least with the requirements of all relevant legislation and DEFRA codes of Recommendations for Animal Welfare? Yes/No

5. Are you using a zero grazing system? Yes/No

6. Are you using breeding practices based on genetic engineering? Yes/No

7. Do you practice any of the following?

8. Permanent housing of livestock Yes/No

9. Prolonged confining or tethering of animals (shippens, steadings, etc.) Yes/No

10. Housing or lying areas without bedding Yes/No

11. Slats on the whole of loafing and lying areas Yes/No

12. Please describe the virtues of the animal feed you bring in. e.g. no growth hormones, GMOs

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13. Do you engage in the prophylactic use of antibiotics on a herd or flock basis? Yes/No

14. Do you use ivermectin based products for worming which damage the flora and fauna in the soil? Yes/No

15. Do you use organo-phosphorous and organo-chloring (gamma HVH) compounds – as dips, sprays, and creams for warble fly, external parasites, sheep scab and fly control? Yes/No

**Section E: Value-added items, wholefood and baked goods**

1. Do you source pesticide-free and GMO free ingredients? Yes/No

2. If your ingredients are neither organic nor WFA produced, do you insure that they do not contain items produced contrary to the WFA principles? Yes/No

3. Do you abide by all the public safety hygiene regulations? Yes/No

4. Are your primary and high percentage ingredients sourced locally? Yes/No

*Please mail the original of this completed pledge, together with your application form, to the address below. Remember to keep a copy to give retailers and/or show to any customers who want more information about your growing methods.*

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