

Agricultural Practices Guidelines

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Tenant shall cultivate the Leased Premises in accordance with the best farming practices and in a good husbandman like manner to achieve the best crop production the nature of the soil and the season will permit. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Tenant also agrees to comply with Landlord's following Agricultural Practices Guidelines.

General Property Maintenance

- Keep the lease premises neat, safe and orderly.
- Keep the buildings, fences and other improvements in as good repair and condition as when tenant took possession, or in as good repair and condition as put by the landlord during the term of the lease. Ordinary wear, loss by fire or unavoidable destruction excepted.
- Take proper care of all trees, vines and shrubs, and prevent injury to the same.
- Prevent all unnecessary waste, loss and/or damage to the property of the landlord.

Conservation Practices

- Implement water conservation and soil erosion control practices to comply with the soil loss standards mandated by local, state and federal agencies.
- Prevent noxious weeds from going to seed on said premises, destroy the same and keep the weeds and grass cut. (Tenant will use mechanical and non-chemical means as primary methods of controlling weeds on crop ground.)
- Use of cover crops to decrease nutrient loss and improve water quality on bare ground.
- Comply with pollution control and environmental protection requirements as required by local, state and federal agencies.
- Tenant agrees to minimize the use of insecticides by employing integrated pest management strategies as the primary means of pest control.

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