

Extract from the Bio Suisse Standards

### Cultivation of former GMO plots

Based on part II, section 2.5.1

Suitable crop rotations must be carried out for at least two years (corresponding to the conversion period) on any plots where GMO crops have been grown prior to organic cultivation. During this period neither the same kind of crop nor a crop that could be cross-pollinated with the previous GMO crops may be grown on the plots concerned. These plots must be specially marked and named on the plot plan. The crop rotation and other measures are discussed during the inspection and recorded in the inspection report. If the same kind of crop is grown elsewhere on the organic farming operation, analyses of the harvested crops may be requested.

For certain crops, the waiting periods according to the following table must be observed before the cultivation of organic crops after the same genetically modified crop.

<b>Crop</b>	<b>Waiting period</b>
Maize	Varies locally, not necessary in Central and Northern Europe, otherwise two years
Rapeseed	15 years without targeted control, two years with targeted control of overgrowth
Soybeans	Two years
Cotton	Two years
Sugar/fodder beet	10 years without targeted control, one year with targeted control

The general Bio Suisse requirements for conversion are reserved.

For newly acquired land and newly converted farming operations in areas where genetically modified plants are grown, proof of previous management practices is required.