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# Leading Harvest Questionnaire

## Additional audit questions for SAI FSA Silver equivalence

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### Introduction

This document covers specific questions that, when combined with the [Leading Harvest Farmland Management Standard](#), meet an equivalency level of “Silver” in the [SAI Farm Sustainability Assessment](#) program.

This document can be used by Leading Harvest Standard Users to understand additional topics they may be asked about during an audit. It must also be used by Leading Harvest Certification Bodies to inform their audit program tools for when Standard Users are seeking the SAI FSA Silver achievement level.

This document may only be used in combination with the Leading Harvest Farmland Management Standard.

### Overview of Topics

All of the topics below are included in the Leading Harvest Farmland Management Standard. However, the specificity of the SAI FSA questions listed below within each topic require clear “yes or no” responses, which are needed to achieve the SAI FSA Silver level.

## I. Land ownership

*Relevant to Section 4 of the Leading Harvest Farmland Management Standard*

1. Does the farmer or manager have a clear title to the land being farmed on, either through ownership, a valid legal agreement or customary law?

## II. Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)

*Relevant to Leading Harvest Farmland Management Standard Principle 11: Legal and Regulatory Compliance*

2. Can compliance be demonstrated with the handling, production and processing of approved genetically modified organisms (GMOs) on the farmed land, in accordance with relevant legislation, seed company guidelines and client requirements?

## III. Plant Protection Products (PPP)

*Relevant to Leading Harvest Farmland Management Standard Principle 4: Protection of Crops*

3. Does the farmer or manager (or their service provider) prevent the use of any plant protection products (PPPs) included in applicable international conventions as highlighted in the SAI Platform Red List of Plant Protection Products?
4. Does the farmer or manager (or your service provider) purchase plant protection products (PPPs) from a licensed source?
5. Do all spray handlers and operators receive appropriate and well-maintained personal protective equipment (PPE)?

## IV. Water

*Relevant to Leading Harvest Farmland Management Standard Principle 3: Protection of Water Resources*

6. Where applicable, does the farmer or manager (or other relevant party) hold a valid water extraction license?
7. Where applicable, is the total and peak volume of water extracted within permitted legal limits?

## V. Workforce

*Relevant to Leading Harvest Farmland Management Standard Principle 10: Employees and Farm Labour*

8. Where applicable, are permanent, temporary and seasonal workers compensated for any accident or illness due to work-related activities, in accordance with relevant legislation?

9. Where applicable, does the farmer or manager (or other relevant party) advise or financially support the permanent, temporary and seasonal workers on the availability of health insurance?
10. Where applicable, are language and cultural barriers taken into account when it comes to worker training and communication?
11. Is the employment of minors as permanent, temporary or seasonal workers prohibited in accordance with relevant legislation and ILO Conventions?
12. Is it ensured that any minors employed do not conduct hazardous work or any work that jeopardizes their physical, mental or moral well-being, in accordance with relevant legislation and ILO Conventions?
13. Are emergency contact details available and easily accessible at the farm to meet all reasonably foreseeable emergency medical situations?
14. Where applicable, is it ensured that all permanent, temporary and seasonal workers who may be vulnerable or whose immune systems may be compromised do not handle plant protection products (PPPs) or hazardous substances?
15. Does the farmer or manager (or other relevant party) ensure access to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities for all permanent, temporary and seasonal workers and their families, visitors and subcontractors on the farm?
16. Where applicable, are all permanent, temporary and seasonal workers and their families provided with access to appropriate cooking facilities and clean, safe accommodation and sanitation?

## VI. Land conversion

### *Relevant to Leading Harvest Farmland Management Standard Principle 7: Conservation of Biodiversity*

17. Where applicable, has the farmer or manager (or other relevant party) left all primary forest, mangrove, wetland, peatland, protected grassland and legal reserves in their original condition since 31.12.2015?