
Fix the Table with the Table Editor

Now, let's look at the second option. If you cannot split the table into two simple tables, you will have to use the Table Editor in Acrobat Pro to set the scope of the table's header cells.

Understanding "Scope"

Think of the scope of a header cell as the place you should look for the cells identified by that header.

From each header cell, you should either:

- Look **DOWN** the table into the cells **BELOW** or
- Look **ACROSS** the table into the cells to the **RIGHT**

Of course, column headers label the cells below them, and row headers label the cells to their right. We can make this obvious to software by specifying the scope. Specifying the scope is especially important when a header cell spans more than one column or row. For example, in our table, the header "Organic" spans two columns, "Peaches" and "Watermelon":

Source	Organic		Conventional	
	Peaches	Watermelon	Peaches	Watermelon
Farmers Market	\$4 per lb.	\$5 each	\$3 per lb.	\$4 each
Grocery Store	\$4 per lb.	\$6 each	\$2 per lb.	\$4 each

The header "Conventional" also spans two columns:

Source	Organic		Conventional	
	Peaches	Watermelon	Peaches	Watermelon
Farmers Market	\$4 per lb.	\$5 each	\$3 per lb.	\$4 each
Grocery Store	\$4 per lb.	\$6 each	\$2 per lb.	\$4 each