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## Organic Seed Regulations & Resources- Updated 11/8/2011

### **National Organic Program (NOP) Seed and Planting Stock Regulations**

The National Organic Program rules stipulate that organic seeds **MUST** be used in organic production when commercially available. This includes annual, perennial, and cover crops. Commercial availability is defined by the NOP as *"the ability to obtain a production input in an appropriate form, quality, and quantity to fulfill an essential function in a system of organic production or handling, as determined by the certifying agent in the course of reviewing the organic plan"*.

### **Organic seeds **MUST** be used to produce organic sprouts. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**Document your search for organic seed and planting stock.** Organic producers are required to provide ongoing evidence of active attempts to source organic seeds and/or planting stock such as logs showing calls made, product/supplier catalogues, letters received, or other demonstrations of good faith efforts. Such evidence must also be provided in the event that organic seed or planting stock does not provide the necessary level of quality or provide the desired function. CCOF strictly reviews this process annually to maintain the integrity of organic food production and to encourage our members to actively search for organic seeds.

**Growers must verify that third parties, who provide nonorganic seed or planting stock, have searched for organic seed.** CCOF must be able to verify that a commercial availability search was conducted for all nonorganic seed or planting stock. If a buyer provides you with nonorganic seed or planting stock you must obtain documentation from the buyer that demonstrates a search for organic seed or planting stock was conducted. Examples of this documentation include call logs, seed catalogues, or statements from seed suppliers. Your inspector will ask for this information at all inspections.

### **Test/trial organic seed to find seed with the characteristics and qualities you need.**

If growers cannot find specific organic seed in the quality or quantity they require then trialing other organic varieties should be considered. First identify the qualities that are sought in organic seed. For example: disease resistance, drought tolerance, hybrid uniformity, size, color, flavor or any other market or grower preferences. Then seek out organic varieties that are available and conduct trials to see if the organic seed can meet your needs.

**Any non organic seeds used must be Non-GMO and untreated** or Non-GMO and treated only with substances listed as allowed on the National List. Seeds treated with prohibited materials are **NOT** allowed in organic production. If you plan to use seed that is treated, coated, inoculated or pelletized with any substance you must confirm that the substance in use is approved. <http://www.ccof.org/pdf/CS-A-10%20CCOF%20Materials%20Review%20Request.pdf>

### **Annual transplant stock **MUST** be certified organic.**

Growers purchasing annual transplants must maintain current NOP certificates from suppliers and have purchase invoices showing the transplants purchased are organic. These documents will be reviewed annually at your inspection.

**Non organic planting stock to be sold again as planting stock (not a crop) must be managed organically for one year prior to sale as organic.** Growers are required to show records demonstrating that the planting stock was managed organically for one year and that it was not sold as organic until the eligibility date was met, with the exception of crops harvested from the plant. Such records include: planting stock purchase receipts, planting records, input application records, input invoices, harvest records and sales records. These records will be reviewed at all inspections.



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Certified organic growers are required to utilize organic seed unless organic versions are commercially unavailable.

Commercial availability means the ability to obtain seeds in an appropriate form, quality, or quantity to fulfill an essential function in a system of organic production, and is determined by CCOF in the course of reviewing the Organic System Plan.

If organic seeds are not commercially available, non-organic seeds are allowed only if they are non-GMO, and either untreated or treated ONLY with allowed substances.

CCOF certified operations are required to demonstrate good faith attempts to source organic versions prior to utilizing non-organic seed. This documentation may be in the form of a log showing calls made, product/supplier catalogues, letters received, or other efforts on your part.

## Organic Seed Suppliers & Resources

\*denotes CCOF Certified, \*\*denotes CCOF Supporting Member

### Abundant Life Seeds

PO Box 157  
Saginaw, OR 97472  
Phone: (541) 767-9606  
[www.abundantlifeseeds.com](http://www.abundantlifeseeds.com)

### Albert Lea Seed House

P. O. Box 127  
Albert Lea, MN 56007  
Phone: (800) 352-5247  
[www.alseed.com](http://www.alseed.com)

### Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds

2278 Baker Creek Road  
Mansfield, MO 65704  
Phone: (417) 924-8917  
Fax: (417) 924-8887  
[www.rareseeds.com](http://www.rareseeds.com)

### Blue River Hybrids

27087 Timber Road  
Kelley, IA 50134  
Phone: 1-800-370-7979  
Fax: 1-515-233-3069  
[www.blueriverorgseed.com](http://www.blueriverorgseed.com)

### Botanical Interests Inc.

660 Compton Street  
Broomfield, CO 80020  
Phone: 800-486-2647  
[www.botanicalinterests.com](http://www.botanicalinterests.com)

### Bountiful Gardens\*

18001 Shafer Ranch Road  
Willits, CA 95490  
Phone: (707) 459-6410  
Fax: (707) 459-1925  
[www.bountifulgardens.org](http://www.bountifulgardens.org)

### BURPEE

300 Park Avenue  
Warminster, PA 18974  
Phone: 1 (800) 888-1447  
1 (800) 333-5808  
[www.burpee.com](http://www.burpee.com)

### California Seed Production, Inc.\*

P.O. Box 848  
Gilroy, CA 95021  
Phone: (408) 427-6805

### Christie Farms

38165 Richardson Gap Road  
Scio, OR 97374 - 9756  
Phone: (503) 394-3192  
Fax: (503) 394-2631  
[www.bigtrefoil.com](http://www.bigtrefoil.com)

### The Cooks Garden

P.O. Box C5030  
Warminster, PA 18974-0574  
Phone: 1-800-457-9703  
[www.cooksgarden.com](http://www.cooksgarden.com)

### Cutter Asparagus Seed\*

516 Young Ave  
Arbuckle, CA 95912  
Phone: (888) 391-3647  
[www.asparagusseed.com](http://www.asparagusseed.com)

### DLF International Seeds

175 W. H Street  
Halsey, OR 97348  
Phone: (800) 445.2251  
[www.dlfis.com](http://www.dlfis.com)

### Doebler's PA Hybrids Inc.

202 Tiadaghton Avenue  
Jersey Shore, PA 17740  
Phone: (570) 753-3210  
Fax: (570) 753-5302  
[www.doeblers.com](http://www.doeblers.com)

### Ebbesson Farms

3165 Anella Ave  
Fairbanks, AK 99709  
Phone: (907) 497-0440  
Fax: (907) 452-7783  
[www.ebbessonfarms.com](http://www.ebbessonfarms.com)

### Eckhart Seed Company\*

P.O. Box 7176  
Speckles, CA 93962  
Phone: (831) 758-0925  
[www.eckhartseed.com](http://www.eckhartseed.com)



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## Ferry-Morse Seed Company\*

600 Stephen Beale Dr.  
Fulton, KY 42041  
Phone: (270) 472-3400  
[www.ferry-morse.com](http://www.ferry-morse.com)

## Filaree Farm

182 Conconully Hwy  
Okanogan, WA 98840  
Phone: (509) 422-6940  
[www.filareefarm.com](http://www.filareefarm.com)

## Fred C. Gloeckner & Company Inc.

600 Mamaroneck Avenue  
Harrison, NY 10528-1631  
Phone: 1-800-345-3787  
Fax: (914) 698-0848  
[www.fredgloeckner.com](http://www.fredgloeckner.com)

## Gardens Alive

5100 Schenley Place  
Lawrenceburg, IA 47025  
Phone: (513) 354-1482  
[www.gardensalive.com](http://www.gardensalive.com)

## Great Harvest Organics

6803 East 276th Street  
Atlanta, IN 46031  
Phone: (317) 984-6685  
Fax: (317) 984-2364  
[www.greatharvestorganics.com](http://www.greatharvestorganics.com)

## Harmony Farm Supply\*

3244 Highway 116 North  
Sebastopol, CA 95472  
Phone: (707) 823-9125  
[www.harmonyfarm.com](http://www.harmonyfarm.com)

## Harris Seeds

355 Paul Road  
Rochester, NY 14624-0966  
Phone: (800) 544-7938  
[www.harriseseeds.com](http://www.harriseseeds.com)

## Headstart Nursery\*

4860 Monterey Road  
Gilroy, CA 95020  
Phone: (408) 842-3030  
[www.headstartnursery.com](http://www.headstartnursery.com)

## Hermosa Valley Garden Seeds

P.O. Box 1409  
Santa Maria, CA 93456  
Phone: (877) 834-7333  
Fax: (805) 925-4140

## High Mowing Organic Seeds\*\*

76 Quarry Rd.  
Wolcott, VT 05680  
Phone: (802) 472-6174  
[www.highmowingseeds.com](http://www.highmowingseeds.com)

## Hood River Garlic

P.O. Box 1701  
Hood River, OR 97031  
Phone: (541) 386-1220  
[www.hoodrivergarlic.com](http://www.hoodrivergarlic.com)

## Horizon Herbs LLC

PO Box 69  
Williams, OR 97544  
Phone: (541) 846-6704  
Fax: (541) 846-6233  
[www.horizonherbs.com](http://www.horizonherbs.com)

## Irish Eyes Inc.

P.O. Box 204  
Thorp, WA 98946  
Phone: (800) 964-9210  
[www.gardencityseeds.net](http://www.gardencityseeds.net)

## Jacobsen Orchards\*

22 Tallent Lane  
Yountville, CA 94599  
Phone: (707) 944-1279

## J.L. Hudson, Seedsman

Star Route 2  
Box 337  
La Honda, CA 94020 - 9733  
Email:  
[inquiry@jlhudsonseeds.net](mailto:inquiry@jlhudsonseeds.net)  
[www.jlhudsonseeds.net](http://www.jlhudsonseeds.net)

## Johnny's Selected Seeds\*\*

955 Benton Ave.  
Winslow, ME 04901  
Phone: (877) 564-6697  
[www.johnnyseeds.com](http://www.johnnyseeds.com)

## Keithly-Williams Seeds\*

268 Commission St.  
Salinas, CA 93901  
Phone: (831) 424-3971  
[www.keithlywilliams.com](http://www.keithlywilliams.com)

## King's Agriseed LLC

96 Paradise Lane  
Ronks, PA 17572  
Phone: (717) 687-6224  
[www.kingsagriseeds.com](http://www.kingsagriseeds.com)

## Kitazawa

P.O. Box 13220  
Oakland, CA 94661 - 3220  
Phone: (510) 595-1198  
Fax: (510) 595-1860  
[www.kitazawaseed.com](http://www.kitazawaseed.com)

## L. A. Hearne Company\*

512 Metz Rd.  
King City, CA 93930  
Phone: (831) 385-5441  
[www.hearneco.com](http://www.hearneco.com)

## Lakeview Organic Grain

P.O. Box 361  
Penn Yan, NY 14527  
Phone and fax: (315) 531-1038  
[www.lakevieworganicgrain.com](http://www.lakevieworganicgrain.com)

## Lancaster Agriculture Products

60 N Ronks Road  
Ronks, PA 17572  
Phone: (717) 687-9222  
Fax: (717) 687-9355  
[www.lancasterag.com](http://www.lancasterag.com)

## Lawler Farm Center

206 S Lincoln St  
Lawler, IA 52154  
Phone: 1-800-352-5247

## Lockwood Seed and Grain\*

26777 Chowchilla Blvd  
Chowchilla, CA 93610  
Phone: (559) 665-5702



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**Lonesome Whistle Farm**  
2241 River Loop #1  
Eugene, OR 97404  
Phone: (541) 345-3415

**The Maine Potato Lady**  
P.O. Box 65  
Guilford, ME 04443  
Phone: (207) 343-2270  
[www.mainepotatolady.com](http://www.mainepotatolady.com)

**Masters Choice**  
3010 St. Rt. 146 E  
Anna, IL 62906  
Phone: (866) 444-1044  
[www.seedcorn.com](http://www.seedcorn.com)

**Meadow Creek Enterprise**  
130 North Ave., Box 445  
Dickeyville, WI 53808  
Phone: 608-586-7564

**Mountain Valley Growers**  
38325 Pepperwood Road  
Squaw Valley, CA 93675  
Phone: (559) 338-2775  
Fax: (559) 338-0075  
[www.mountainvalleygrowers.com](http://www.mountainvalleygrowers.com)

**Natural Gardening Company\***  
P. O. Box 750776  
Petaluma, CA 94975  
Phone: (707) 766-9303  
[www.naturalgardening.com](http://www.naturalgardening.com)

**Nichols Garden Nursery**  
1190 Old Salem Rd NE  
Albany, OR 97321  
Phone: (800) 422-3985  
Fax: (800) 231-5306  
[www.nicholsgardennursery.com](http://www.nicholsgardennursery.com)

**North American Seed Company, Inc\***  
41801 Espinosa Rd.  
Greenfield, CA 93927  
Phone: (831) 674-3090

**Omega Seed \***  
P. O. Box 167  
Glenn, CA 95943  
Phone: (530) 934-5149

**Osborne Seed Company, LLC\*\***  
2428 Old Highway 99 South  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273  
Phone: (360) 424-7333  
[www.osborneseed.com](http://www.osborneseed.com)

**Pacific Botanicals LLC**  
4840 Fish Hatchery Rd  
Grants Pass, OR 97527  
Phone: (541) 479-7777  
Fax: (541) 479-7780  
[www.pacificbotanicals.com](http://www.pacificbotanicals.com)

**Park Seed Company**  
1 Parkton Avenue  
Greenwood, SC 29647  
Phone: 1-800-845-3369  
[www.parkseed.com](http://www.parkseed.com)

**Peaceful Valley Farm & Garden Supply\***  
125 Clydesdale Ct.  
Grass Valley, CA 95945  
Phone: (888) 784-1722  
[www.groworganic.com](http://www.groworganic.com)

**Praying Mantis Farm**  
32263 S Kropf Rd  
Canby, OR 97013  
Phone: (503) 651-2627

**Rancho Purisima Farms\***  
P. O. Box 5096  
Santa Maria, CA 93456  
Phone: (805) 922-7414

**Redwood City Seed Co.**  
P.O. Box 361  
Redwood City, CA 94064  
Phone: (650) 325-7333  
Fax: (650) 325-4056  
[www.batnet.com](http://www.batnet.com)

**Redwood Organic Farm \***  
P.O. Box 431  
Manton, CA 96059  
Phone: (530) 524-5537  
[www.redwoodseeds.net](http://www.redwoodseeds.net)

**Rohrer Seeds**  
2472 Old Philadelphia Pike  
Smoketown, PA 17576  
Phone: (717) 299-2571  
Fax: (800) 468-4944  
[www.rohrerseeds.com](http://www.rohrerseeds.com)

**Ronniger Potato Farm LLC**  
20094 N. State Hwy. 149  
Powderhorn, CO 81243  
Phone: (208) 267-7938  
[www.ronnigers.com](http://www.ronnigers.com)

**S & S Seeds dba Environmental Seed Producers\***  
P.O. Box 947  
Albany, CA 97321  
Phone: (541) 928-5868  
[www.wildflowerseed.com](http://www.wildflowerseed.com)

**Seed Savers Exchange**  
3094 North Winn Road  
Decorah, IA 52101  
Phone: (563) 382-5990  
Fax: (563) 382-6511  
Fax: (563) 382-5872  
[www.seedsavers.org](http://www.seedsavers.org)

**Seed Dynamics, Inc\***  
P.O. Box 6069  
Salinas, CA 93912  
Phone: (831) 424-1177  
[www.seeddynamics.com](http://www.seeddynamics.com)

**Seeds of Change\*\***  
1364 Rufina Circle #5  
Santa Fe, NM 97501  
Phone: (888) 762-7333  
[www.seedsofchange.com](http://www.seedsofchange.com)

**Seeds Trust**  
P.O. Box 4619  
Ketchum, ID 83340  
Phone: (208) 788-4363  
(Office), 208-788-3452 (FAX)  
[www.seedstrust.com](http://www.seedstrust.com)



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## **Seedway LLC**

99 Industrial Rd  
Elizabethtown, PA 17022  
Phone: (800) 952-7333  
Fax: (717) 367-0837  
[www.seedway.com](http://www.seedway.com)

## **Shamrock Seed Company\***

3 Harris Place  
Salinas, CA 93901  
Phone: (831) 771-1500  
[www.shamrockseed.com](http://www.shamrockseed.com)

## **Siskiyou Seeds**

3220 East Fork Rd.  
Williams, OR 97544  
Phone: (541) 846-9233  
[www.siskiyouseeds.com](http://www.siskiyouseeds.com)

## **Snow Seed Company\***

21855 Rosehart Way  
Salinas, CA 93908  
Phone: (831) 758-9869  
[www.snowseedco.com](http://www.snowseedco.com)

## **Sourcepoint Organic Seeds**

26422 Moss Road  
Hotchkiss, CO 86419  
Phone: (970) 872-4941

## **Southern Exposure Seed Exchange**

P.O. Box 460  
Mineral, VA 23117  
Phone: (540) 894-9480  
Fax: (540) 894-9481  
[www.southernexposure.com](http://www.southernexposure.com)

## **Summerstone Nursery**

P.O. Box 274  
Morrison, TN 37357  
Phone: (931) 668-7991  
Fax: (931) 668-7992

## **Sunnyland Seeds**

P.O. Box 385  
Paradox, CO 81429  
Phone: (970) 859-7248

## **Sustainable Seed Company\***

P.O. Box 636  
Petaluma, CA 94952  
Phone: (707) 703-1242  
[www.sustainableseedco.com](http://www.sustainableseedco.com)

## **Sweet Corn Organic Nursery**

7030 Fir Drive  
Show Low, AZ 85901  
Phone: (928) 537-2676  
[www.sweetcornorganicnursery.com](http://www.sweetcornorganicnursery.com)

## **Syngenta Lettuce Seed Company, Inc formerly Pybas Vegetable Seed Company\***

P.O. Box 868  
Santa Maria, CA 93456  
Phone: (805) 922-4624

## **Terra Organics/Seeds by Design\***

P. O. Box 171  
Maxwell, CA 95955  
Phone: (530) 438-2126  
[www.terraorganics.com](http://www.terraorganics.com)

## **Territorial Seed Company**

PO Box 158  
Cottage Grove, OR 97424  
Phone: (800) 626-0866  
Fax: (888) 657-3131  
[www.territorialseed.com](http://www.territorialseed.com)

## **Thunderfoot/Earthworks-Sow Organic Seeds**

P.O. Box 527  
Eugene, OR 97544  
Phone: (888) 709-7333  
[www.organicseed.com](http://www.organicseed.com)

## **TomatoFest Garden Seeds\***

P.O. Box 628  
Little River, CA 95456  
[www.tomatofest.com](http://www.tomatofest.com)

## **Top Notch Seeds, Inc\***

P.O. Box 4  
Brawley, CA 92227  
Phone: (760) 344-9700

## **Upstream Natives, a division of Stalford Seed Farms**

PO Box 268  
Tangent, OR 97389  
Phone: (541) 926-4611  
Fax: (541) 926-5038  
[www.agsp.us/index.shtml](http://www.agsp.us/index.shtml)

## **Uprising Seeds**

2208 Iron St.  
Bellingham, WA 98225  
Phone: (360) 201-0468  
[www.uprisingorganics.com](http://www.uprisingorganics.com)

## **Vitalis Organic Seeds\*\***

7 Harris Place  
Salinas, CA 93901  
Phone: 831-262-7635  
[www.vitalisorganic.com](http://www.vitalisorganic.com)

## **Weaver Seed of Oregon**

P.O. Box 67  
Crabtree, OR  
Phone: (541) 924-9701  
Fax: (541) 924-9702 (FAX)  
[www.weaverseed.com](http://www.weaverseed.com)

## **Welter Seed and Honey Company**

17724 Hwy 136  
Onslow, IA 52321  
Phone: 1-800-470-3325  
[www.welterseed.com](http://www.welterseed.com)

## **Wheatgrass Kits**

1041 North 450 West  
Springville, UT 84663  
Phone: (801) 491-8700  
Fax: (801) 491-8728  
[www.wheatgrasskits.com](http://www.wheatgrasskits.com)

## **White Seed Company\***

P.O. Box 6108  
Oxnard, CA 93031  
Phone: (805) 983-4923  
Fax: (805) 983-1282  
[www.whiteseed.com](http://www.whiteseed.com)



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**Wild Garden Seed**

PO Box 1509  
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[www.wildgardenseed.com](http://www.wildgardenseed.com)

**W-L Research\*\***

P.O. Box 8112  
Madison, WI 53708-8112  
Phone: (608) 295-3566  
[www.wlresearch.com](http://www.wlresearch.com)

**Wood Prairie Farm**

49 Kinney Road  
Bridgewater, ME 04735  
Phone: 1-800-829-9765  
Fax: 1-800-300-6494  
[www.woodprairie.com](http://www.woodprairie.com)

**Additional Organic Seed List:****CCOF Organic Seed Links:**

[www.ccof.org/link\\_organic\\_seed.php](http://www.ccof.org/link_organic_seed.php)

**University of California Organic Farming Compliance Handbook – Seed Sources:**

[www.sarep.ucdavis.edu/Organic/complianceguide/organizations2.pdf](http://www.sarep.ucdavis.edu/Organic/complianceguide/organizations2.pdf)

**Montana Department of Agriculture Organic Seed Resources:**

<http://agr.mt.gov/organic/certific/seedResources.pdf>