

### Join the Movement

# GET CERTIFIED ORGANIC BY CCOF

### **Recognition for Your Organic Commitment**

The only way to become truly recognized for your dedication to producing and manufacturing organically is to become certified organic.

Research shows that there is increasing consumer confidence in the USDA organic seal. CCOF is proud of the role we play in ensuring organic integrity in the eyes of the consumer.

#### **CCOF** is Your Certification Choice

CCOF advances organic agriculture for a healthy world. We advocate on behalf of our members for organic policies, support the growth of organic through education and grants, and provide organic certification that is personal and accessible.

CCOF is a nonprofit organization governed by the people who grow and make our food. Founded in California more than 40 years ago, today our roots span the breadth of North America and our presence is internationally recognized. We are supported by an organic family of farmers, ranchers, processors, retailers, consumers, and policymakers. Together, we work to realize a future where organic *is* the norm.

Our certifications and member services have expanded across the food supply chain to include a wide variety of operations both large and small. From field to fork, we certify over 3,700 organic growers, livestock producers, ingredient suppliers, handlers, packaging companies, warehousing and storage facilities, brokers, wholesalers, private labelers, retailers, and restaurants.



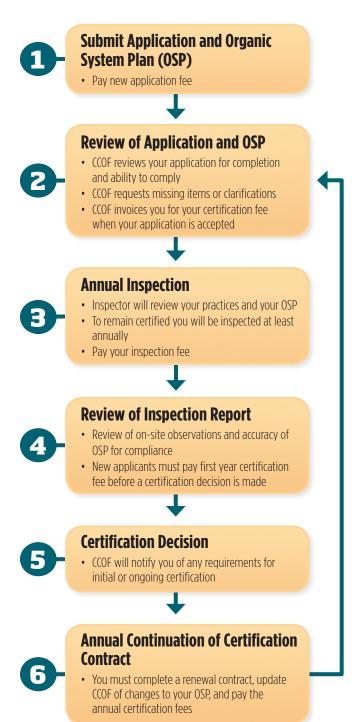
### **CCOF Provides:**

- Excellent service and regional representatives throughout North America
- Competitive pricing
- >> Unsurpassed dedication and integrity
- Extensive technological resources to make certification and materials search simple
- >> Trained, highly qualified, and helpful staff
- The most prestigious seals in the organic marketplace
- An "Organic is Non-GMO & More" label for your product's packaging
- Electronic organic certification forms and online certification management through MyCCOF
- Organic advocacy and education programs to support and grow your business
- Membership in your local CCOF chapter for networking and resource-sharing opportunities
- >> USDA National Organic Program-accredited certification
- Access to international markets, including EU, Canada, Mexico, Japan, Switzerland, Korea, and Taiwan
- **»** GFSI-level food safety certification and assessment



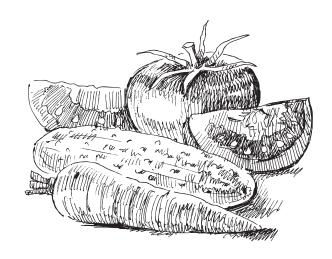
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# Easier than you think—become certified organic in just six simple steps!



### **Get Started Now!**

Applications are available for download online at **www.ccof.org/apply-certification**, by emailing CCOF at **getcertified@ccof.org**, or by calling CCOF at **(831) 423-2263**.



### **FAQs**

## HOW LONG DOES ORGANIC CERTIFICATION TAKE?

You could be certified in as little as 90 days, however we generally recommend that you start the process several months before harvest or launch of your organic product. You can expect certification to take up to 90 days.

We understand that you may be pressed for time or require certification by a certain deadline. In these cases, CCOF offers expedited services. An Expedited Certification Service form can be downloaded at www.ccof.org/documents.

# HOW MUCH DOES CCOF ORGANIC CERTIFICATION COST?

CCOF certification is competitively priced to provide both superior value and allow new farms, processors, and other businesses to easily enter the organic marketplace. Certification costs are based on an initial application fee, the cost of inspection, and an annual certification fee.

Small farms and processors are routinely certified for between \$600 and \$1,800. Larger operations receive competitive rates while maintaining personalized service. Additional detailed information is available online at

www.ccof.org/certification/fees.



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