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Organic Farm Certification Support Package

This packet was created to help you find resources, understand certification issues, maintain compliance with organic standards, and ensure your continued certification with CCOF. It contains information about the organic certification process, answers to common questions, and a series of simple forms to assist you with meeting record keeping requirements.

The sample forms can be copied and used as updates to your Organic System Plan (OSP) and/or used throughout the year and made available at your inspection(s) for review. Feel free to adapt them as necessary to meet the specifics of your operation.

Basic Requirements for Grower Certification

To certify a farm both the land and management of the land must be certified.

Land must be free of prohibited materials for at least three years to qualify for certification. You will need to provide information on how the land has been managed for the past three years to confirm this.

You will explain your operation and management of the farm in the application, called the Organic System Plan (OSP). This is where you tell us what you are doing (what crops are being raised), how you are doing it (what are your farming practices), and what you are using (what seeds, inputs, etc. you use).

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Organic Growers/Producers

CERTIFICATION TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Notify CCOF of changes to your Organic System Plan that may affect compliance.

Organic System Plan (OSP) changes may include new parcels or other practices where you are unsure if you meet organic standards, and can be made by updating your forms or contacting us. Minor updates can be made at inspection. Notify us of any application of prohibited substances or positive residue tests. Search for OSP forms at www.ccof.org/documents.

(NOP § 205.400)



Submit new parcels for review at least 90 days before expected harvest.

Additional fees apply for acreage submitted at inspection, or less than 90 days before harvest. Find add acreage forms at www.ccof.org/documents.

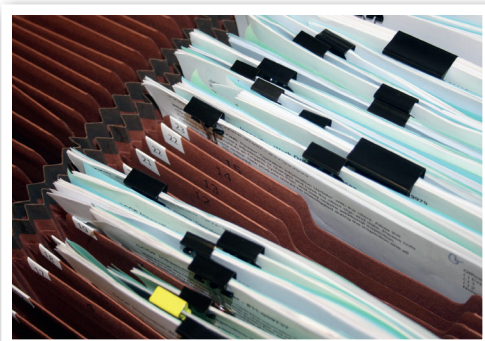
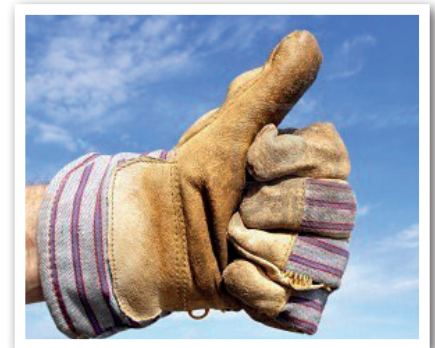
(NOP § 205.201; 205.404; 205.406(d))

CCOF recommends verifying approval of materials prior to use.

Use of materials prior to approval by CCOF is at your own risk.

- » Your OSP Materials List, found in MyCCOF, is your list of approved materials. You can easily update materials and find pre-reviewed materials on the OMRI, WSDA, or CCOF lists by contacting us or visiting www.ccof.org/materialssearch.
- » Materials may be updated by phone, email, or mail, or by using a Material Review Request Form (MRRF).
- » Follow our step-by-step instructions at www.ccof.org/documents.

(NOP § 205 Subpart D)



Keep complete records of activities on the farm.

Necessary information may include input records, input invoices, harvest records, sales records, bills of lading, weight tags listing lot numbers, etc. Find recordkeeping tools at www.ccof.org/certification/help.

(NOP § 205.103)

See other side for processor/handler tips »



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Frequently Asked Questions - Organic Farms

Additional FAQs can be found online at www.ccof.org/faqs

Standards updates and other resources: www.ccof.org/certification-news

Q: What is the Organic System Plan (OSP)?

A: The certification application is called an Organic System Plan (OSP). A complete OSP is required by the National Organic Program (NOP). The OSP is a detailed description of the practices and procedures used by your operation to produce organic goods. Clients update their OSP as changes occur.

CCOF has developed a straightforward, comprehensive OSP as part of our organic certification application. The OSP leads you through the standards and addresses common production questions and concerns.

This document acts as an agreement between you and CCOF. It defines how you remain in compliance with organic standards and explains what you do, how you do it, and what you use to do it with. During your pre-certification and annual inspections, your CCOF inspector will verify that what you do in practice matches what is in your OSP.

Q: How do inspections work?

A: The purpose of organic inspections is to confirm that your operation meets the NOP standards and regulations both before it is certified and every year after as long as it remains certified. Inspectors do this by confirming that what you say in your application, called an Organic System Plan (OSP), is what you are doing in practice.

New applicants must have an initial inspection to become certified; existing clients will be inspected annually to maintain their certification. An inspection also occurs if you add acreage or a new facility to your operation. You will be contacted by an inspector to set up an appointment when an inspection is required.

You should be as prepared as possible for your inspection. Since you will be billed by the hour, the more prepared and organized you are, the less expensive the inspection will be. Inspectors will collect many kinds of specific information about your operation, which is used by CCOF to verify your certification. Your complete OSP, including all attachments, should be clear and readily available. Make sure all personnel, facilities, and any other necessary documentation are accessible.

During the inspection, your inspector must be able to test your "audit trail", which requires records of all purchases, internal movement, and sales of inputs, ingredients, intermediates, and final products. Operations who sell organic and non-organic should have separate records for both types of products. Performing an audit can be a time intensive part of your inspection if your records are difficult to comprehend. In addition to your audit trail, please have available your input records, documentation of cleaning and purging of equipment, buffer crop disposal, organic seed sourcing, and any other activities. Remember that incomplete or confusing records may increase the cost of your inspection. Another way to reduce the cost of inspections is to be flexible about the scheduling. If an inspector can perform multiple inspections in the same area at the same time, the cost of travel time can be shared among all clients.

The inspector may request additional information from you during the inspection. Please respond to these requests promptly. If you are able to reply within 10 days, this information can be sent directly

Additional FAQs can be found online at www.ccof.org/faqs



to your inspector and be included in the inspection report. If this takes longer, you should send it directly to the CCOF office.

Q: What buffers are required for organic parcels?

A: The NOP regulations do not have specific prescriptive requirements regarding distance for buffering your organic crop from potential contaminants. Prior to implementation of the NOP, 25 feet was used as a baseline for appropriate buffers. CCOF still uses this as a threshold of concern to guide our decision making process along with other mitigating factors such as physical barriers and agricultural practices.

The following NOP requirements are applicable when assessing borders and boundaries of certified operations:

- You must describe the physical barriers or management practices that prevent the contamination of organic crop or lands.
- You must also clearly define (signs, roads, fencing, etc.) the boundaries of your organic farm.
- You must incorporate preventative measures along your parcel boundaries. Examples include:
 - Notifying your neighbors in writing that your land is under organic management.
 - Posting “No Spray” or “Organic” signs along the boundaries of your parcels.
 - Requesting that the county road department not spray the roadways adjacent to your land.

Each situation will be judged on the merits of the specific case. Be sure to include all buffer situations in your Organic System Plan.

Q: What materials (fertilizers and pesticides) can I use for organic farming and livestock?

A: We make it easy for our clients to find out if a farm input is allowed. You can use OMRI and WSDA listed products as long as applicable restrictions are followed. Do you want to use a material that is not listed by OMRI or WSDA? We will review any non-listed material. All you need to do is submit a Material Review Request Form.

If you use a product without verifying if it is approved for organic use then you are taking a risk that the product may not be allowed and you may be putting your certification at risk. Be aware that products not on the OMRI or WSDA lists that claim to be allowed for organic production may not actually be allowed, as these labels/products are not regulated. Always check with CCOF before you use a new product!

CCOF does not review blended liquid fertilizers that exceed a nitrogen analysis of three and are not OMRI or WSDA listed. Only liquid fertilizers listed by OMRI or WSDA will be allowed for use by CCOF certified operations.

The NOP does not produce a list of brand name products allowed for use in organic production; however, if you are trying to figure out what materials the National Organic Program standards allow then look to the following sections in CCOF National Organic Program Standards Manual:

- Section 205.203 addresses soil fertility products and practices.
- Section 205.206 addresses pest control practices.
- Section 205.238 addresses livestock health care practices.
- Section 205.601 through 205.604 is the National List of allowed and prohibited substances for organic production.

It is important to note that the U.S. EPA does have a label "for organic use" that indicates that the pesticide product has been reviewed and approved by the EPA for organic production. The EPA does not list approved products but approved products do have the "for organic use" language on the label.



Q: What is required for record keeping?

A: Record keeping is an essential part of the organic certification process. The regulations do not say exactly how these records should be kept, so you are free to use whatever system works best for you. Your Organic System Plan (OSP) indicates which records you need to maintain. However, some farmers and processors have difficulty keeping records that are clear, accurate, and thorough enough for CCOF to make a certification decision. For this reason, CCOF has a number of sample forms available for you to make copies of and use directly in your operation. In this packet, there are sample forms to help you keep track of seed plantings, farm inputs, equipment cleaning, harvest activities, and more. CCOF can provide you with other sample forms at your request. In addition, ATTRA has created a number of sample forms which can be found on their website:

www.attra.ncat.org/organic.html

Q: What are the organic labeling requirements?

A: There are three major categories of labeling of organic products. The "100% Organic" label may be used on any processed product that is entirely organic. "Organic" may be used to label raw agricultural products (i.e. organic apples) and processed products that are at least 95% organic. The "Made with Organic [ingredients]" label is used for products that are at least 70% organic, as long as the remaining non-organic ingredients do not include GMOs (genetically modified organisms), are not irradiated, and are not grown using sewage sludge. Products that contain less than 70% organic are also covered in the NOP, but producers of these products are not required to be certified. There are some fine points regarding processing aids and use of certain ingredients that influence labeling, so labels should be submitted to CCOF for approval before they go to print to avoid costly mistakes.

Any product labeled "100% Organic", "Organic", or "Made with Organic [ingredients]" must include the name of the certifying agent that certified the handler of the finished product. This must appear on the information panel below or in close proximity to the name of the handler or distributor of the product, with no other wording or graphics in between. The statement should read "Certified organic by CCOF" or "Certified organic by California Certified Organic Farmers". Products labeled "Organic" or "Made with Organic [ingredients]" must clearly identify organic ingredients as organic on the ingredient panel. All other labeling is optional, unless, of course, it is prohibited.

The USDA has created a table to help you determine what must and must not be included on labels and what is optional for each labeling category. This can be found online at

www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/nop

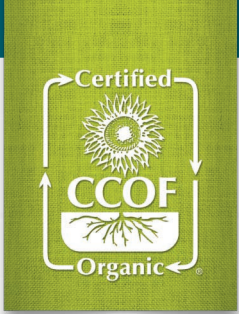
Q: Are there resources to help farms maintain organic certification and stay informed?

A: Yes, CCOF prints a quarterly magazine and periodic updates that provide detailed information on certification issues and include helpful articles on various issues regarding organic standards and compliance. These resources are provided free of charge to all CCOF clients and supporting members. Past articles can be accessed through our online magazine archive.

As an accredited certifier, CCOF cannot provide consulting assistance. However, we maintain a list of organic consultants and agricultural advisors who can assist you with organic certification and regulatory compliance issues. Contact information for these resources can be found in the "Organic Consultants" section of this packet as well as on our website.

The National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service website (www.attra.ncat.org) provides numerous publications to help farmers, processors, and others learn about and prepare for organic production and certification. The University of California's Western Region Organic Farming Compliance Handbook (<http://www.sarep.ucdavis.edu/sfr/organic/ofch>) is also a very good resource for organic farmers and agricultural professionals.





Keep Your Labels Compliant

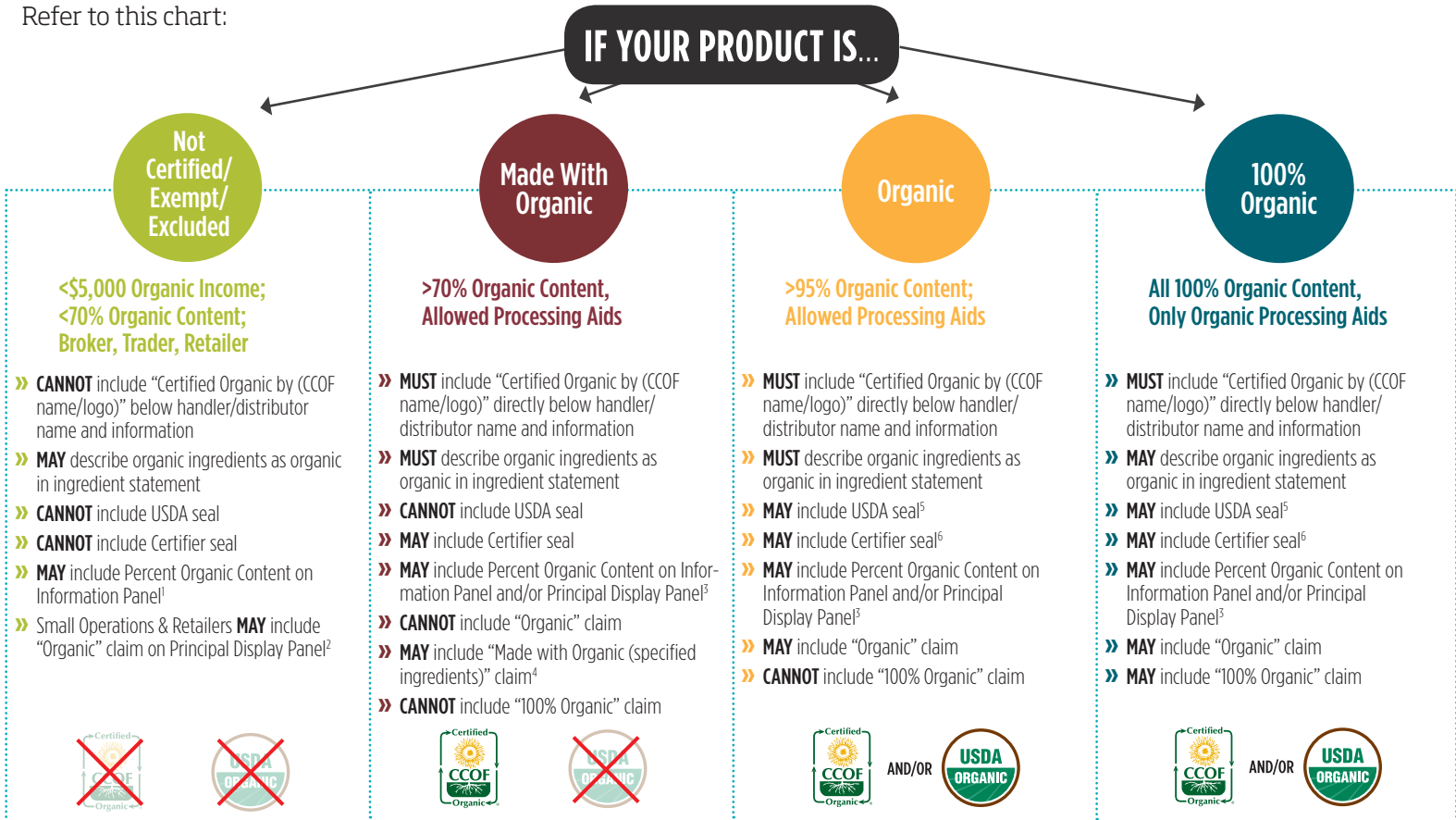
ORGANIC LABELING GUIDELINES

For All Labels

For complete organic labeling regulations, please refer to Sections §205.303, §205.304, §205.307 and §205.311 of the USDA Organic Standards. All labels must be approved by CCOF.

For Retail Labels

Refer to this chart:



For Wine Labels

Unique requirements apply. Visit www.ccof.org and search "Wine Labeling Guide."

For Nonretail Containers

Nonretail containers include produce boxes, bulk products, etc. The following applies to containers for products certified as either "Organic" or "100% Organic."

- » **MUST** display production lot number if the operation uses a lot numbering system.
- » **MAY** include "Certified Organic by CCOF," the USDA seal⁵, the Certifier seal⁶, and/or the appropriate organic claim. Use of these elements is encouraged to ensure identification of organic products.

¹Only applies to products with <70% organic content, if they also identify ingredients as organic. §205.101(a)2, §205.305(a)2

²Only applies to products produced by an operation that makes less than \$5,000 a year organic income, or is excluded, or is a retail establishment that does not process organic products (grocery departments); or a handling operation that processes ready-to-eat foods (retail deli). §205.101(a)1

³The size of the percentage statement must not exceed one-half the size of the largest type size on the panel on which the statement is displayed and must appear in its entirety in the same type size, style, and color without highlighting. §205.303(a)2, §205.304(a)2

⁴Cannot list more than three organically produced ingredients or food groups; such as: beans, fish, fruits, grains, herbs, meats, nuts, oils, poultry, seeds, spices, sweeteners, and vegetables or processed milk products; letters

cannot exceed one-half the size of the largest type on the panel and which appears in its entirety in the same type size, style and color without highlighting. §205.304(a)1

⁵The USDA seal must replicate the form and design as shown above and must be printed: on a white background with a brown outer circle and with the term, "USDA," in green overlaying a white upper semicircle and with the term, "organic," in white overlaying the green lower half circle; or on a white or transparent background with black outer circle and black "USDA" on a white or transparent upper half of the circle with a contrasting white or transparent "organic" on the black lower half circle. The green or black lower half circle may have four light lines running from left to right and disappearing at the point on the right horizon to resemble a cultivated field. §205.311(b)

⁶If displaying both the USDA seal and the Certifier seal, the USDA seal must be more prominent. §205.303(a)5



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Organic Seed Regulations & Resources – Updated 12/30/2014

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 sprouts **MUST be produce with organic seeds. 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.

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.



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 Business Partner

3 Star Lettuce*

PO Box 940
Gonzales, CA 93926
Phone: (831) 675-3790
Fax: (831) 675-3826
www.3starlettuce.com

Berkeley Horticultural Nursery**

1310 McGee Avenue
Berkeley, CA 94703
Phone: (510) 526-4704
www.berkeleyhort.com

BURPEE

300 Park Avenue
Warminster, PA 18974
Phone: (800) 888-1447
www.burpee.com

The Cooks Garden

PO Box C5030
Warminster, PA 18974-0574
Phone: (800) 457-9703
www.cooksgarden.com

DLF International Seeds

175 W. H Street
Halsey, OR 97348
Phone: (800) 445-2251
Fax: (541) 369-2640
www.dlfis.com

Bountiful Gardens*

1726-D South Main Street
Willits, CA 95490
Phone: (707) 459-6410
Fax: (707) 459-1925
www.bountifulgardens.org

Albert Lea Seed House

1414 West Main Street
PO Box 127
Albert Lea, MN 56007
Phone: (800) 352-5247
www.alseed.com

Blue River Hybrids**

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

California Seed Production, Inc.*

PO Box 848
Gilroy, CA 95021
Phone: (408) 427-6805

Cutter Asparagus Seed*

516 Young Ave
Arbuckle, CA 95912
Phone: (530) 476-3647
Fax: (530) 476-2422
www.asparagusseed.com

Doebler's PA Hybrids Inc.

202 Tiadaghton Avenue
Jersey Shore, PA 17740
Phone: (800) 853-2676
Fax: (570) 753-5302
www.doebler.com

Eckhart Seed Company*

PO Box 7176
Speckles, CA 93962
Phone: (831) 758-0925
Fax: (831) 758-0388
www.eckhartseed.com

Bejo Seeds

1972 Silver Spur Place
Oceano, CA 93445
Phone: (805) 473-2199
Fax: (805) 473-0897
www.bejoseeds.com

Botanical Interests Inc.

660 Compton Street
Broomfield, CO 80020
Phone: (800) 486-2647
Phone: (877) 821-4340
www.botanicalinterests.com

Christie Farms

38165 Richardson Gap Road
Scio, OR 97374
Phone: (503) 394-3192
www.christiefarms.com

Dixon Seed Inc.*

7920 County Rd 29
Glenn, CA 95943
Phone: (530) 934-4799
Fax: (530) 934-5125
www.dixonseed.com

Ebbesson Farms

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

Ferry-Morse Seed Company*

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Phone: (270) 472-3400
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Okanogan, WA 98840
Phone: (509) 422-6940
www.filareefarm.com

Gourmet Seed International
743 Shore Road
Hollister, CA 95023
Phone: (831) 637-2411
www.gourmetseed.com

Harris Seeds
355 Paul Road
Rochester, NY 14624
Phone: (800) 544-7938
Fax: (877) 892-9197
www.harrisseed.com

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

Hood River Garlic
PO Box 1701
Hood River, OR 97031
Phone: (541) 386-1220
www.hoodrivergarlic.com

Jacobsen Orchards*
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Yountville, CA 94599
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Keithly-Williams Seeds*
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Salinas, CA 93901
Phone: (800) 533-3465
Fax: (831) 424-4297
www.keithlywilliams.com

L. A. Hearne Company*
512 Metz Rd.
King City, CA 93930
Phone: (831) 385-5441
Fax: (831) 385-4377
www.hearneseed.com/

Lawler Farm Center
206 S Lincoln St
Lawler, IA 52154
Phone: (800) 352-5247

Fred C. Gloeckner & Company Inc.
550 Mamaroneck Ave. Ste 510
Harrison, NY 10528-1631
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Fax: (914) 698-0848
www.fredgloeckner.com

Great Harvest Organics
6767 East 276th Street
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www.greatharvestorganics.com

Headstart Nursery*
4860 Monterey Road
Gilroy, CA 95020
Phone: (408) 842-3030
Fax: (408) 842-3224
www.headstartnursery.com

High Mowing Organic Seeds**
76 Quarry Rd.
Wolcott, VT 05680
Phone: (802) 472-6174
Fax: (802) 472-3201
www.highmowingseeds.com

Horizon Herbs LLC
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Williams, OR 97544
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www.horizonherbs.com

J.L. Hudson, Seedsman
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La Honda, CA 94020
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King's Agriseed LLC
60 North Ronks Road, Suite K
Ronks, PA 17572
Phone: (717) 687-6224
Fax: (717) 687-4331
www.kingsagriseeds.com

Lakeview Organic Grain
119 Hamilton Place
Penn Yan, NY 14527
Phone: (315) 531-1038
Fax: (315) 531-1038
www.lakevieworganicgrain.com

Lockwood Seed and Grain*
26777 Chowchilla Blvd
Chowchilla, CA 93610
Phone: (559) 665-5702
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Gardens Alive
5100 Schenley Place
Lawrenceburg, IA 47025
Phone: (513) 354-1482
www.gardensalive.com

Harmony Farm Supply & Nursery*
3244 Gravenstein Hwy North
Sebastopol, CA 95472
Phone: (707) 823-9125
Fax: (707) 823-5586
www.harmonyfarm.com

Heirloom Seeds
287 E. Finley Drive
West Finley, PA 15377
Phone: (724)-663-5356
www.heirloomseeds.com

Home Farmer*
PO Box 7050
Santa Maria, CA 93456
Phone: (855) 344-7333
Fax: (805) 888-2755
www.homefarmer.com

Irish Eyes Garden Seeds
PO Box 204
Thorp, WA 98946
Phone: (509) 933-7150
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Johnny's Selected Seeds**
PO Box 299
Waterville, Maine 04903
Phone: (877) 564-6697
www.johnnyseeds.com

Kitazawa
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Oakland, CA 94607
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Fax: (510) 595-1860
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Lancaster Agriculture Products
60 North Ronks Road
Ronks, PA 17572
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Masters Choice
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Anna, IL 62906
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Mountain Valley Growers
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Squaw Valley, CA 93675
Phone: (559) 338-2775
Fax: (559) 338-0075
www.mountainvalleygrowers.com

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

Oasis Organics*
3949 Austin Rd
Brawley, CA 92227
Phone: (760) 554-5999
Fax: (760) 344-6072
www.oasis-organics.com

Orsetti Seed Company, Inc.*
2300 Technology Parkway, Ste. 1
Hollister, CA 95023
Phone: (831) 636-4822
Fax: (831) 636-4814
www.orsettiseeds.com

Park Seed Company
3507 Cokesbury Rd
Hodges, SC 29653
Phone: (800) 845-3369
www.parkseed.com

Praying Mantis Farm
32263 South Kropf Rd.
Canby, OR 97013
Phone: (503) 209-0685

Redwood City Seed Co.
PO Box 361
Redwood City, CA 94064
Phone: (650) 325-7333
Fax: (650) 325-4056
www.ecoseeds.com

Potato Garden
12101 2135 Rd
Austin CO 81410
Phone: (877) 313-7783
www.potatogarden.com

Natural Gardening Company*
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Petaluma, CA 94975
Phone: (707) 766-9303
Fax: (707) 766-9747
www.naturalgardening.com

North Pacific Seeds, Inc*
PO Box 827
San Joaquin, CA 93660
Phone: (559) 693-4001
Fax: (599) 693-0071
www.npseeds.com

Omega Seed*
7689 Country Road 3
Glenn, CA 95943
Phone: (530) 934-5149
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Peaceful Valley Farm & Garden Supply*
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Priority Seed Production LCC**
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Organic Seed People
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Syngenta Seed, Inc.*

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The Living Seed Company*

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The Maine Potato Lady

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Consultants and Ag Advisors

Need outside help? CCOF cannot actively consult with its clients regarding organic certification compliance. We do offer a list of organic consultants and agricultural advisors as a resource. This list includes names and contact information as well as a description of the services each consultant provides. Organic consultants work in a variety of areas and can help with preparation of your Organic System Plan and addressing complicated regulatory issues. Visit www.ccof.org for the most current list of consultants.

Organic Consultants

Name and Description	Contact Information
<p>Christie Organic Consultants Having worked both for major Organic Certification agencies as an inspector, reviewer and certification representative, and as an independent organic consultant with a prominent consulting firm, anything from the most humble farm to the most complex multi-ingredient processing and packing operations, Lois Christie has seen it all from both sides, making Christie Organic Consultants uniquely qualified to assist you with all things organic. Lois is well versed in the regulations and requirements for the USDA National Organic Program (NOP), as well as many international standards such as Canada, the EU, Japan and Switzerland. <i>Después de haber trabajado tanto para los principales organismos de certificación orgánica como un inspector, revisor y representante de certificación y como consultor independiente orgánico con una consultoría prominente, Lois Christie ha visto todo desde ambos lados desde la más humilde granja hasta el más complejo procesamiento de multi-ingredientes al igual que operaciones de embalaje, esto hace Christie Organic Consultants especialmente capacitada para ayudarle con todas las cosas orgánicas. Lois está altamente versada en los reglamentos y requisitos para el programa orgánico nacional (NOP) del USDA, así como muchas normas internacionales tales como Canadá, la UE, Japón y Suiza.</i></p> <p>Specialization: Growers, Livestock, Processor/Handler (including co-packers), Personal Care Products, retail, restaurants. Languages: English, Spanish</p>	<p>Lois Christie 1119 S. Mission Rd. #245 Fallbrook, CA 92028 (760) 723-3775 lois@christieorganic.com www.christieorganic.com Service Area: Worldwide, specializing in the U.S and Mexico</p>
<p>Daniel Giacomini Independent nutritional and dairy management consultant for 25 years focusing on both conventional and certified organic dairy operations. Developed a process to customize nutritional and management programs for dairy farmers and the dairy feed industry while working to create a greater interface between industry and the dairy farmer - particularly certified organic dairy farmers.</p> <p>Specialization: Livestock (dairy)</p>	<p>Daniel Giacomini P.O. Box 354 Middletown, CA 94561 (707) 987-9184 dg.giacomini@gmail.com</p>
<p>Dr. Joe Montecalvo Consulting- Specializes in all aspects of handler and food processing certification requirements for USDA-NOP, EU, and export to Japan and Canada compliance requirement. Has served as both an inspector and consultant to the organic food processing industry since 1993. Also specializes in organic food safety, HACCP assessments and optimization of plant sanitation operations and employee training in all areas of organic food safety.</p> <p>Specialization: Processor/Handler</p>	<p>Dr. Joe Montecalvo 510 Fresno Ave. Morro Bay, CA 93442 (805) 772-3574 montecalvo@charter.net Service Area: U.S./International</p>
<p>Ehlert Organics, Inc. Expert in organic fiber certification issues in addition to all aspects of organic food and processing.</p> <p>Specialization: Processor/Handler (fiber)</p>	<p>Fred Ehlert 12194 E. Amherst Cir. Aurora, CA 80014 (303) 695-5174 termitefred@comcast.net</p>



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<p>Full Circle Consulting, LLC 20 years of experience in the organic industry, with food safety emphasis [GFSI, GMP, HACCP]. Services include organic compliance assessment, organic system plan development, certification application, employee training, inspection support, supplier/co-packer audits.</p> <p>Specialization: Processing/Handling; Retailer; Broker/Trader; Co-Packer/Private Labeler</p>	<p>Full Circle Consulting, LLC PO Box 165 Viroqua, WI 54665 (608) 206-6499 pattibd@gmail.com Service Area: North America</p>
<p>Integrated Organic Services, Inc. Based in Mexico, we provide evaluation, development, training and verification to the following international organic standards to companies located in the USA, Mexico and Central and South America: NOP, COR, EU, JAS, IFOAM and CAAQ. We evaluate inputs for compliance to the NOP and translate the documentation required to obtain OMRI registration. We put our bilingual organic expertise at your disposal. Basado en México, proveemos evaluación, desarrollo, capacitación y verificación a las siguientes normas orgánicas internacionales a empresas ubicadas en los EEUU, México y Centro y Sur América: NOP, COR, EU, JAS, IFOAM y CAAQ. Evaluamos el cumplimiento de insumos al NOP y traducimos la documentación requerida para obtener el registro OMRI. Review & translation of documents required to obtain OMRI registration of inputs & materials. Internal on-site inspections. Development & review of Standard Operating Procedures & Logs (receiving, production, pest control, sanitation, etc.). Training programs. Review of ingredients & materials. Development & review of audit tracking systems. Revisión y traducción de documentos requeridos para obtener registro OMRI para insumos y materiales. Inspecciones internas de instalaciones. Desarrollo y revisión de Procedimientos Estandarizados Escritos y Bitácoras (recepción, producción, control de plagas, limpieza, etc.). Programas de capacitación. Revisión de ingredientes y materiales. Desarrollo y revisión de sistemas de rastreo.</p> <p>Specialization: Grower (including greenhouse), Processor/Handler, Retail Languages: English, Spanish</p>	<p>Cara Smiley Oaxaca, Oaxaca, Mexico (831) 359-4096 045-951-228-3386 csmiley@integratedorganic.com www.integratedorganic.com Service Area: Mexico, Central America, South America, U.S.</p>
<p>Keep It Simple: Organic Solutions Because all operations are unique, I am dedicated to designing compliance systems that are tailored to meet the needs of your operation while being practical, manageable and above all simple. Because if it doesn't work for you, it doesn't work. As a full time organic inspector since 2006, I have completed over 1,200 inspections, encompassing grower, handler/processor, livestock and dairy operations. From trace-back audits to dry matter calculations, I have the necessary experience to reduce your paperwork burden while providing solid systems of documentation that will keep your certification efforts as efficient and hassle-free as possible.</p> <p>Specialization: Livestock/Dairy</p>	<p>Benjamin Lewis 201 2nd St. Davis, CA 95616 (530) 574-1407 SimpleOrganicSolutions@gmail.com</p>
<p>Mark Chass Comprehensive certification and inspection experience since 1982.</p> <p>Specialization: Grower, Livestock, Processor/Handler</p>	<p>Mark Chass P.O. Box 2161 Sebastopol, CA 95473 (707) 824-9544 markchass@comcast.net Service Area: San Francisco Bay Area, Northern California</p>

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<p>Organic Education Solutions (OES), LLC Organic Education Solutions offers premier trainings, products and consulting services to organic and food safety operators. Our goal is to increase your company's compliance to industry requirements. We offer critical knowledge of best practices to improve the performance of your team and system and prevent common and costly mistakes. Visit us at our website and try our new training kit, "Keep It Organic" for organic processing employees.</p> <p>Specialization: Qualified for national and international organic and food safety programs for growers, livestock and processors.</p>	<p>Krista Wanser PO Box 104 Dwight, NE 68635 813-422-5533 support@organiceducationsolutions.com www.organiceducationsolutions.com</p>
<p>Organic Help Organic certification consultant specializing in crops and processing. Services include assessment to USDA NOP and international standards compliancy. Offering complete Application and Organic System Plan development. Consulting with emphasis on support and education for the producer and staff.</p> <p>Specialization: Grower, Processor/Handler</p>	<p>Carol Cripe 32902 Lilac Road Valley Center, CA 92082 carol_cripe@yahoo.com Service Area: Southern California</p>
<p>Organic Integrity International Over 35 years of experience in organic handling, farming and consulting/training. Have worked in over 40 countries with governments, many of the largest organic companies in the world down to small start-ups. I am sure we can assist in bringing success to your certified organic endeavors.</p> <p>Specialization: Processor/Handler, Grower, Grower Groups, Retail Languages: Fluent in English and Spanish</p>	<p>Rick Martinez 1250 Chesapeake Dr. Odessa, FL 33556 813-765-0282 organicintegrity@msn.com Service Area: World Wide</p>
<p>Organic Systems International, Inc. Specialist in farm and handler organic, food safety and quality compliance consulting and training. Quick delivery of high quality plans, streamlined and customized to the company's needs. 20 years experience in organic audits. Currently enrolled at Utah State University for a Masters in Food Safety and Quality.</p> <p>Specialization: Grower, Livestock, Processor/Handler Languages: Fluent in French</p>	<p>Stanley Edwards 1665 N. 1770 E Logan, UT 84341 208-354-4467 stanley_edwards@comcast.net Service Area: World Wide</p>
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<p>Richard D. Siegel Law Offices Agricultural lawyer in Washington, DC, for over 30 years, specializing in legal counsel and Federal government representation for organic food & fiber companies, ingredient companies, fertilizer and seed companies, associations and certifiers. Former Deputy Assistant Secretary, USDA.</p> <p>Specialization: Regulatory Assistance</p>	<p>Richard Siegel 600 New Hampshire Ave. NW #500 Washington, D.C. 20037 (202) 518-6364 (202) 234-3550 rsiegel@rdslaw.net</p>

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<p>Sheila Linderman Organic certification and products specialist, with expertise in processing, farming, and personal care/cosmetics</p> <p>Specialization: Grower, Processor/Handler, Retail, Personal Care Products Languages: English, French, German, Italian, Spanish</p>	<p>Sheila Linderman 24401 Highlander Road West Hills, CA 9107 (818) 992-5094 sheila.linderman@sbcglobal.net www.sheilalinderman.com Service Area: US and Canada, EU (particularly France, Germany, Italy, Spain, UK), Morocco</p>
<p>Simple Organic Solutions Experts in processing and handling. SOS knows the regulations, understands the processing industry and can accommodate to your unique needs.</p> <p>Specialization: Processor/Handler, Personal Care Products</p>	<p>Bob Durst 1873 Bullevard Philomath, OR 97370 (541) 740-6490 BobD@SimpleOrganicSolutions.com http://www.simpleorganicsolutions.com/</p>
<p>Soporte Tecnocomercial de México SC/Agrosupport of Mexico Experience in all aspects of handler and crop certification requirements for USDA-NOP, Organic Food Safety, HACCP assessments and optimization of plant sanitation operations, as well as employee training in all areas of organic food safety.</p> <p>Specialization: Technical and commercial support in the whole agricultural supply chain</p>	<p>Eduardo Medina Batalla de Churubusco 1870-1 Col. Chapultepec Culiacán, Sinaloa, Mexico 80040 (667) 713 9592 / (667) 713 9556 emedina@agsm.mx www.agsm.mx Service Area: Mexico, United States, & South America</p>
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<p>Sustainable Strategies Advisors in Food and Agriculture. Bob Anderson has over 35 years of hands-on experience in all aspects of organic agriculture, organic processing, organic certification, marketing, government relations and international trade. He also serves as an advisor to the USDA, NOP, Foreign Agriculture Service and U.S. Department of State. Until 2000, he was president of Walnut Acres Organic Farms, one of the founding and most respected organic foods businesses in the United States.</p> <p>Specialization: Grower, Livestock, Processor/Handler, and International/Foreign Certifications and Trade Agreements</p>	<p>Bob Anderson 206 Harris Avenue Boalsburg, PA 16827 (814) 574-1063 bobanderson1217@yahoo.com Service Area: Worldwide</p>
<p>Wolf, DiMatteo & Associates, Inc. Experts in Organic Regulations, Policy, Compliance, Strategy, Production, and Handling. NOSB Petitions; Certification assistance, Organic System Plans for</p>	<p>Bill Wolf, President; Sandy Mays, Partner, Operations & Certification Support; Katherine DiMatteo, Managing Partner, Client Services; Sue</p>

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<p>NOP, EU, COR; Input Reviews and OMRI, WSDA, CDFA approvals. Helping people with strategic plans, sustainable development, and triple bottom line mission for over 30 years. Network of associates worldwide.</p> <p>Specialization: Grower, Livestock, Wild Harvest, Processor/Handler, Retail</p>	<p>Wagner, Associate, Input Reviews and Compliance 49 Race Street P.O. Box 458 Newcastle, VA 24127 (540) 864-5107 bwolf@organicspecialists.com www.organicspecialists.com Service Area: Worldwide</p>

Food Safety Consultants

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<p>Cathy Carlson Cathy Carlson is a private consultant for on farm food safety programs of all sizes. She brings to farmers a diverse background of program management, regulatory experience and sustainable farming as a Farm Fellow with the Ecological Farming Association. She has spent the past few years working as a Quality Assurance and Food Safety Manager for the fresh cut produce industry in the Central Coast area. Prior to that she worked for state and federal agencies as a policy regulator and agriculture research aide. She has been the project manager on diverse projects ranging from residential construction to sustainable small-scale farming. Her mission is to diverse a simple, low cost food safety plan to assist and advise family farmers as the requirements of the food safety modernization act are unveiled.</p> <p>Specialization: Fresh Cut Produce (Leafy Greens) Languages: English</p>	<p>Cathy Carlson Carlson Food Safety Consulting carlsonfsconsulting@gmail.com www.linkedin.com/in/cathycarlson (831) 818-4109</p>
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Ag Advisors

These Agricultural Advisors are supporting Business Partners of CCOF who provide pest control and crop advisory services.

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<p>American Insectaries, Inc We have been in business for 15 years offering field scouting, IPM program design, and beneficial insects for growers. Our concentration is in avocados and citrus, of which we currently scout about 2500 acres in San Diego and Riverside counties, of which about 450 acres is organic. Jim Davis has held PCA license # 2759 since 1984 and has also worked in vegetables, herbs, cut flowers, nursery, and turf.</p>	<p>James Davis Escondido, CA (760) 747-2920</p>

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<p>ATTRA/NCAT The National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) manages the ATTRA project — the National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service. ATTRA provides free information in English and Spanish about organic farming and marketing. These resources help guide certifiers and producers through transition, certification, and production for a wide range of crops and livestock.</p>	<p>Rex Dufour, Marisa Alcorta Davis, CA (530) 792-7338 rexd@ncat.org marisaa@ncat.org www.ncat.org</p>
<p>Crop Production Services, Inc. Crop Production Services, centrally located in Watsonville and serving the Monterey Bay area, has a wide selection of OMRI approved organic fertilizers and pesticides.</p>	<p>Glenn Feenstra Riverside, CA (951) 203-4995 glenn.feenstra@cpsagu.com www.cpsagu.com</p>
<p>Crop Production Services, Inc. Crop Production Services, centrally located in Watsonville and serving the Monterey Bay area, has a wide selection of OMRI approved organic fertilizers and pesticides.</p>	<p>Michael Hollarman Paso Robles, CA (805) 441-3124 mike.hollarman@cpsagu.com www.cpsagu.com</p>
<p>Crop Production Services, Inc. Crop Production Services, centrally located in Watsonville and serving the Monterey Bay area, has a wide selection of OMRI approved organic fertilizers and pesticides. Richard Soria has been a PCA in the organic horticulture field for over 35 years.</p>	<p>Richard Soria Watsonville, CA (831) 254-1936 richard.soria@cpsagu.com www.cpsagu.com</p>
<p>Hearts Pest Management Company, Inc. Hearts Pest Management became the first EcoWise Certified pest control company in Southern California when we submitted a request to the San Francisco Bay Area Government based program and completed their certification process. Our Greenthumb program has been in place since 2005 and services several hundred customers with approximately 2,500 services per year.</p>	<p>Gerald Weitz San Diego, CA (800) 986-1006 hearts_pest@yahoo.com www.heartspm.com</p>
<p>NH₃ Service Co. We are a locally owned fertilizer company in the Salinas Valley that is family owned and operated. We provide fertilizer products and customer focused service to growers in the Salinas Valley and always meet our growers' schedules.</p>	<p>Vicky Duke Salinas, CA (831) 214-6109 vicky.duke@nh3service.com www.nh3service.com</p>
<p>Veda Farming Solutions</p>	<p>Davide Verardi Salinas, CA</p>
<p>Sakuma Bros. Farms, Inc. Sakuma Brothers is a family business spanning four generations with over 85 years in the small fruit industry. Certified strawberry and caneberry plant nursery, small fruit production, processing, fresh market, and sales.</p>	<p>Charlie Anderson Burlington, WA (360) 661-3401 charliea@sakumabros.com www.sakumabros.com</p>
<p>Source to Source/Tulare Ag. Products Source to Source is a dealer-direct distributor of proprietary blend fertilizers throughout California and Nevada. This wholesale business allows distributors access to top-of-the-line products that have proven results, helping their customers grow quality fruit, nuts and vegetables.</p>	<p>Jana Macklin Tulare, CA (559) 686-5115 jana@tulareag.com www.SourceToSourceDistribution.com</p>

A current list of organic consultants and agricultural advisors can also be found at www.ccof.org





CCOF MATERIALS GUIDE

CCOF makes materials management easy with the Organic System Plan (OSP) Materials List, available in MyCCOF!

Your Materials List

Your OSP Materials List shows materials CCOF has approved for use by your operation and provides an easy way to manage this portion of your OSP. We recommend verifying materials compliance before use, but will not issue noncompliances for allowed materials used without prior approval.

» Growers

All crop input materials, such as fertilizers, compost, manure, soil amendments, inoculants, planting mixes, seed treatments, pesticides, adjuvants, etc.

» Livestock Producers

All livestock health care materials, feed supplements, and pest control materials.

» Handlers and Processors

All nonorganic materials that directly contact organic products, including processing aids, salt, atmospheric gases, packaging aids, sanitizers, and other additives.

How can I obtain my Materials List?

View and print your current Materials List at any time, found in MyCCOF. Plus, we will issue an updated list upon approval of any new material, or when you request it.

How do I modify my Materials List?

Follow the steps below to add a new material. To remove a material, use the "remove" feature in MyCCOF, or let us know what material you would like to remove. We do not recommend removing any material that you might use again in the future.

Is rush review service available for materials?

Yes! Two-day and five-day rush review services are available for an additional fee.

How to Add a Material to Your OSP Materials List

BEFORE YOU BEGIN: Identify the specific material you would like to use. You will need the complete product name, including all identifying information (i.e. 4-2-3, DF, WP, etc.) and the manufacturer's name.

Step 1 - You find it.

Log into MyCCOF and click the Materials Search button, for access to recognized materials lists including OMRI and WSDA. **Does the exact material appear on these lists?**

YES

NO

Follow the site instructions to add a material to your OSP. Materials can also be added by contacting CCOF by email, phone, fax, or mail. Provide the *complete* product name and the manufacturer's name.

Request addition of the material to your Materials List by email, phone, fax, or mail. Provide the *complete* product name, ingredients, and the manufacturer's name.

Step 2 - We review it.

If the material is approved for use by your operation, you will receive an updated Materials List. If the material is not approved, you will receive notification. **Was it approved by CCOF?**

YES

NO

You are now ready to use the material at any time. Follow any applicable restrictions, as noted on your Materials List.

You may not use the material in organic production. If we were unable to complete review of the material, you may obtain the missing information from the manufacturer and submit it for re-review.



REMEMBER: We strongly recommend seeking approval for all materials prior to use.

Use of a prohibited material can put the certification of your operation, land, and/or products at risk, even if it was used unintentionally.

Seed and Stock Planting Record

This record is for documenting the seed and planting stock you use and its status. Keep receipts and other relevant documentation with your records. Remember that although you may use nonorganic seed and planting stock if they are not available in organic form, you must maintain documentation regarding the organic status of the seed/stock, and whether it was non-GMO and untreated. Documentation regarding your search for an organic equivalent is also required if you use nonorganic seed/stock. Annual transplants must always be certified organic.

Operation Name: _____ **Year:** _____

Crop/Variety	Supplier	Lot #	Documentation of organic status?	Documentation of non-GMO status?	Documentation of untreated status or allowed treatment?	Place planted	Date planted	Quantity planted
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
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Additional Notes:

Input Record

To help you to keep track of the materials (fertilizers, pest control materials, soil amendments, adjuvants, etc.) that you apply to your farm, complete one of these forms for each parcel/block and maintain in your records to update as necessary.

Farm Name: _____ Crop Year: _____

Date	Parcel ID	Material Applied (Brand Name, Manufacturer, Formulation)	Purpose	Rate/ Amount

Additional Notes and Observations:

Harvest Record

To help you keep track of when you harvest your organic crops and what you do with them afterwards, make sure to regularly update this form and maintain it in your records.

Farm Name: _____ Crop Year: _____

Harvest Date	Parcel/Block ID	Crop Type	Quantity	Where Stored or Sold

Additional Comments:

Activity Log

Record keeping is an essential part of good organic farming practices. This all-purpose form can be used to keep track of all activities that occur on a given parcel/block (mulching, spraying, planting, irrigating, mowing, applying manure, etc.).

Farm Name: _____ Crop Year: _____

Date	Parcel ID	Activity	Notes

Land Use Affidavit

- **Complete when needed to provide attestation of previous materials applied since the date of last prohibited material (DLPM). CCOF must be able to demonstrably verify 3 years of land history in order to certify land that is not already certified organic. If you have a special situation regarding verification of land use, contact the CCOF office to discuss it. *Where more than one party must attest to activities, please use additional copies.***

I, _____

A. have (check one) owned managed the parcel identified below
 during the time period _____ through _____. (Use exact dates).

B. have direct knowledge of the activities and material applications which have taken place at the parcel identified below
 during the time period _____ through _____. (Use exact dates).

I have direct & specific knowledge based on: Direct control Lessee Lessor Ownership and control of activities

Other (describe): _____

C. The parcel, named or referred to as _____ is located at:

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Country: _____

County Assessor's parcel number, Section/ Township/ Range, or other legal description: _____

Total acreage of this parcel: _____

The following is a complete list of ALL materials (all fertilizers, pest control products, treated seed, etc.), that have been applied to the parcel for the last three years (or since the DLPM). Attach additional pages if necessary.

Full Product Name	Full Manufacturer Name	Application Date(s)

I attest that the above is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Name (Print): _____ Title: _____

Company: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: CCOF may require additional verification from government agencies, direct communication, or other sources to verify land history statement(s). Making a false statement to an accredited certifying agent shall be subject to the provisions of section 1001 of title 18, United States Code. (NOP section 205.100, c. 2).

Search Record: Commercial Availability of Organic Seed & Planting Stock

Farm Name: _____

Crop Year: _____

	What site-specific characteristics or traits do you need from each crop? (ex. mildew resistance)	Why are your crop needs not met by an equivalent organic variety?	Which organic seed or stock suppliers have you contacted?	Dates Contacted	Method of Contact
1.	Crop: Traits:				
2.	Crop: Traits:				
3.	Crop: Traits:				

Suggested Neighbor Notification and Drift Prevention Letter

CCOF recommends that growers inform neighbors of the organic status of their parcels.

This is a sample text for growers to use or not use as you see fit. Revise this letter to suit your needs and your relationship with your neighbor/s. See the National Organic Program (NOP) regulations regarding border and buffer requirements.

Date:

Dear Neighbor:

I am (growing, producing, processing, etc.) (crops, livestock, food products, etc.) using organic methods. I will need your help and cooperation if I am to be successful. In order to sell my (crop, product, animals, etc.) I must follow the regulations laid out in the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Organic Program (NOP). I am a member of CCOF who is an NOP accredited certification agency. I undergo yearly inspections with CCOF in order to remain "Certified Organic" and sell my products as such.

I am practicing organic methods at the following locations: (INSERT LOCATIONS).

Since you are an adjoining property owner I want to inform you of my plans and ask for your help. I ask that you make a good-faith effort to minimize the movement of any fertilizers and pesticides prohibited for organic production under the USDA NOP regulations. If you plan to use synthetic fertilizers or pesticides on your adjoining land, please take precautions to prevent over spray, drift, or runoff onto my property or facility. If any chemical drift is found in excess of 5% of EPA tolerance on my crops as a result of spray drift, it could cause me the loss of organic status and my CCOF certification. Such contamination could cause me great financial hardship.

If you would like to know more about my organic certification please feel free to call me or CCOF. If I can be of any service to you as you plan your work I would be happy to help. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you very much for your help and consideration.

Sincerely,