Become a Certified Organic Co-Processor or Co-Packer

# ORGANIC OPPORTUNITIES

Make certified organic products for others. Pack your own products into other companies' labels. Provide your service to organic businesses.

Certified businesses who want to add an organic product line, or expand their existing sales, are looking for certified organic co-packers and co-processors. To handle organic products you need to be certified. CCOF is your partner in making this process simple and easy for you.

### **Minimal Changes**

Most businesses do not need separate equipment or sites to handle organic crops or products. You can usually use your existing processing lines and facilities. You simply clean or purge equipment between runs to avoid contamination or commingling organic and non-organic products.

# Achievable

It's easier than you think. CCOF has streamlined certification so that we can ensure a robust certification program that focuses on practices, not paperwork. If you have a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HAACP) plan, Sanitation Standard Operating Procedure (SSOP), allergen control plan, or other traceability system, you already have the structure you need to handle organic crops or products.

#### **Find Customers**

Organic farmers and marketers are looking for you. There is a shortage of certified organic co-packers and processors to serve organic farms and processors. CCOF organic certification connects you with the growing organic marketplace.

# Promotion

CCOF's online Organic Directory brings the market together. All CCOF-certified operations appear in this valuable marketing tool. You will also appear in the <u>USDA's</u> <u>Organic Integrity Database (Integrity)</u>.

# **Competitive Pricing**

CCOF certification is competitively priced to provide superior value and allow businesses to easily enter the organic marketplace. Certification costs consist of an initial one time application fee, the cost of inspection, an annual certification fee, and other fees as applicable to specific services you need, such as international compliance verification.

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Learn more about certification for co-packers and co-processors at <u>www.ccof.org</u> »

