

CCOF Becoming Certified

CCOF provides certification services throughout the Western Hemisphere to farmers, processors, private labelers, retailers, restaurants, brokers, and more.

When you produce healthy organic foods, you make a commitment to your customers. CCOF honors your commitment, offering certification your customers can trust. In just four steps, you can be on your way to earning “Certified Organic” recognition.

The Organic Certification Process:

1. Contact CCOF

To request an application package, call CCOF at (831) 423-2263, email ccof@ccof.org or download pdf versions of the forms at www.ccof.org and get started now.

2. Complete and submit the application.

This consists of the Application Form, CCOF Affidavit, and the Organic System Plan (OSP). Complete the general information portion of the application and the required sections of the application according to your type of operation (grower, handler, processor, trader, broker, private label, livestock, or retailer). Mail your application to the CCOF Home Office and include the one-time application fee. To assist you in the process, the CCOF certification application will lead you through the organic standards and certification requirements and can be used as a guide as you develop your organic operation. If you have any questions or require clarification, please don't hesitate to contact us or visit our certification FAQs at www.ccof.org

3. Inspection.

Your application will be reviewed by CCOF's Home Office staff and you will be assigned to a chapter. A trained inspector will then perform an on-site inspection.

4. Certification status notification.

Upon completion of the review process, you will receive a letter from CCOF to inform you of your certification status and any requirements for ongoing certification.

To transfer an existing certification to CCOF, please use our “Organic Certification Transfer Program”. We also offer an “Expedited Services Program” (see page 36).



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