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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](http://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](http://www.ccof.org/documents).

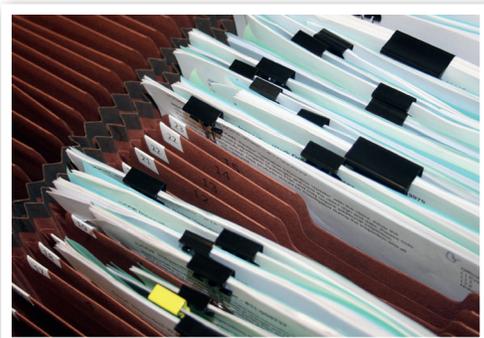
(NOP § 205.201; 205.404; 205.406(d))

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.ccof.org/faqs)

Standards updates and other resources: [www.ccof.org/certification-news](http://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

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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](http://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](http://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](http://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

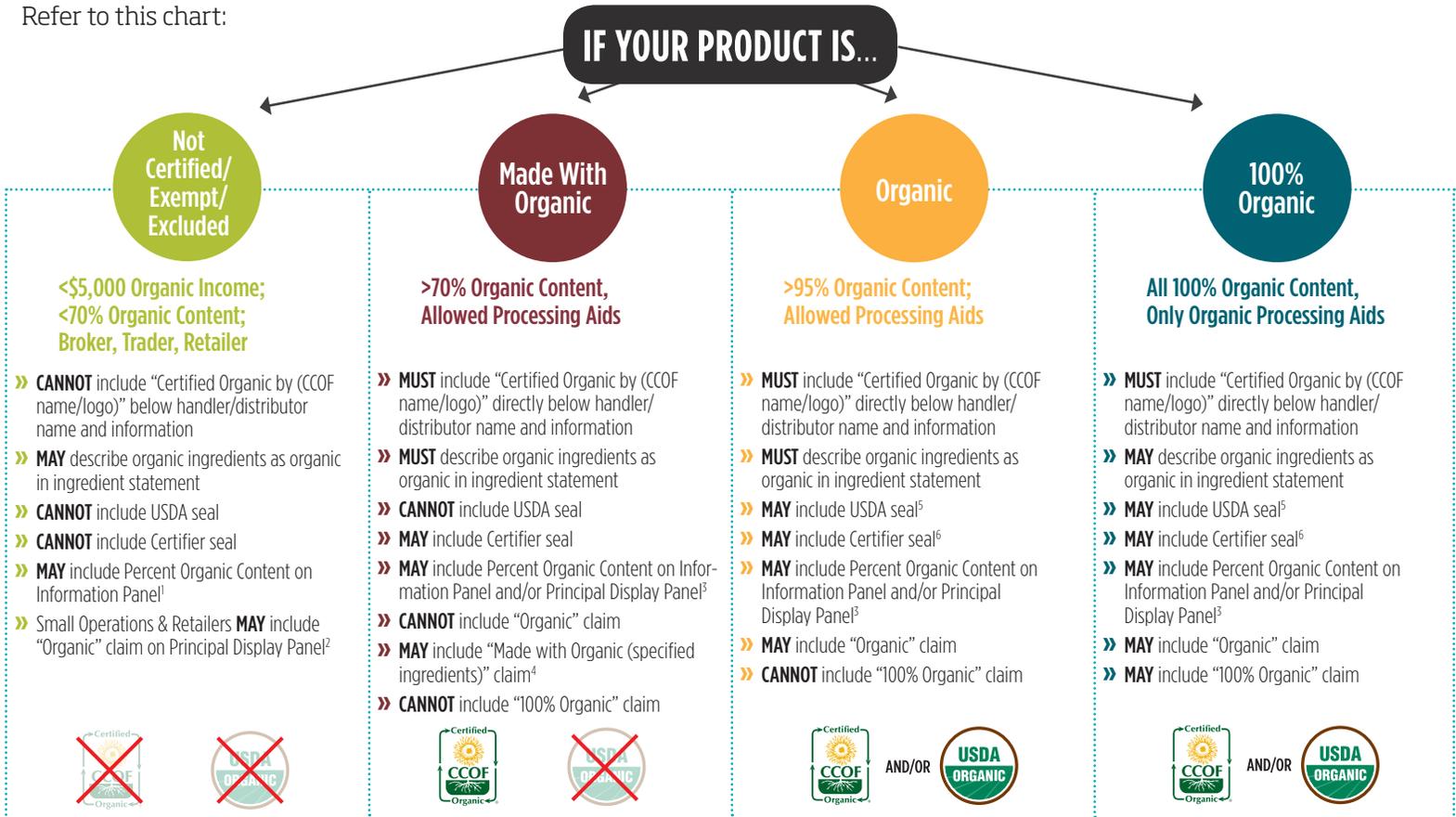
# ORGANIC LABELING GUIDELINES

### 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](http://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 seal<sup>5</sup>, the Certifier seal<sup>6</sup>, and/or the appropriate organic claim. Use of these elements is encouraged to ensure identification of organic products.

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

<sup>2</sup>Only 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

<sup>3</sup>The 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

<sup>4</sup>Cannot 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

<sup>5</sup>The 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)

<sup>6</sup>If 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](http://www.3starlettuce.com)

### **Berkeley Horticultural Nursery\*\***

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

### **BURPEE**

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

### **The Cooks Garden**

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

### **DLF International Seeds**

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

### **Bountiful Gardens\***

1726-D South Main Street  
Willits, CA 95490  
Phone: (707) 459-6410  
Fax: (707) 459-1925  
[www.bountifulgardens.org](http://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](http://www.alseed.com)

### **Blue River Hybrids\*\***

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

### **Eckhart Seed Company\***

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

### **Bejo Seeds**

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

### **Botanical Interests Inc.**

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

### **Christie Farms**

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

### **Dixon Seed Inc.\***

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

### **Ebbesson Farms**

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

### **Ferry-Morse Seed Company\***

600 Stephen Beale Dr.  
Fulton, KY 42041  
Phone: (270) 472-3400  
Fax: (270) 472-3402  
[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)

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

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

**Jacobsen Orchards\***  
22 Tallent Lane  
Yountville, CA 94599  
Phone: (707) 944-1279

**Keithly-Williams Seeds\***  
268 Commission St.  
Salinas, CA 93901  
Phone: (800) 533-3465  
Fax: (831) 424-4297  
[www.keithlywilliams.com](http://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/](http://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  
Phone: (800) 345-3787  
Fax: (914) 698-0848  
[www.fredgloeckner.com](http://www.fredgloeckner.com)

**Great Harvest Organics**  
6767 East 276th Street  
Atlanta, IN 46031  
Phone: (317) 984-6685  
Fax: (317) 984-2364  
[www.greatharvestorganics.com](http://www.greatharvestorganics.com)

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

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

**J.L. Hudson, Seedsman**  
Box 337  
La Honda, CA 94020  
Email: [inquiry@jlhudsonseeds.net](mailto:inquiry@jlhudsonseeds.net)  
[www.jlhudsonseeds.net](http://www.jlhudsonseeds.net)

**King's Agriseed LLC**  
60 North Ronks Road, Suite K  
Ronks, PA 17572  
Phone: (717) 687-6224  
Fax: (717) 687-4331  
[www.kingsagriseeds.com](http://www.kingsagriseeds.com)

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

**Lockwood Seed and Grain\***  
26777 Chowchilla Blvd  
Chowchilla, CA 93610  
Phone: (559) 665-5702  
Fax: (559) 665-4911

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

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

**Home Farmer\***  
PO Box 7050  
Santa Maria, CA 93456  
Phone: (855) 344-7333  
Fax: (805) 888-2755  
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**Praying Mantis Farm**  
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**White Seed Company\***  
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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](http://www.ccof.org) for the most current list of consultants.

### Organic Consultants

Name and Description	Contact Information
<p><b>Christie Organic Consultants</b>            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><b>Specialization:</b> Growers, Livestock, Processor/Handler (including co-packers), Personal Care Products, retail, restaurants.  <b>Languages:</b> English, Spanish</p>	<p><b>Lois Christie</b>            1119 S. Mission Rd. #245            Fallbrook, CA 92028            (760) 723-3775  <a href="mailto:lois@christieorganic.com">lois@christieorganic.com</a>  <a href="http://www.christieorganic.com">www.christieorganic.com</a>  <b>Service Area:</b> Worldwide, specializing in the U.S and Mexico</p>
<p><b>Daniel Giacomini</b>            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><b>Specialization:</b> Livestock (dairy)</p>	<p><b>Daniel Giacomini</b>            P.O. Box 354            Middletown, CA 94561            (707) 987-9184  <a href="mailto:dg.giacomini@gmail.com">dg.giacomini@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>Dr. Joe Montecalvo</b>            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><b>Specialization:</b> Processor/Handler</p>	<p><b>Dr. Joe Montecalvo</b>            510 Fresno Ave.            Morro Bay, CA 93442            (805) 772-3574  <a href="mailto:montecalvo@charter.net">montecalvo@charter.net</a>  <b>Service Area:</b> U.S./International</p>
<p><b>Ehlert Organics, Inc.</b>            Expert in organic fiber certification issues in addition to all aspects of organic food and processing.</p> <p><b>Specialization:</b> Processor/Handler (fiber)</p>	<p><b>Fred Ehlert</b>            12194 E. Amherst Cir.            Aurora, CA 80014            (303) 695-5174  <a href="mailto:termitefred@comcast.net">termitefred@comcast.net</a></p>

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<p><b>Four Seasons Ag Consulting</b> Farming organically ourselves since 1989, we help develop Farm Plans and OSPs. We also provide full service monitoring and recommendations for pest, disease and weed management and fertility needs.</p> <p><b>Specialization:</b> Grower</p>	<p><b>Cindy Lashbrook, Bill Thompson</b> 12230 Livingston Cressey Rd. Livingston, CA 95334 (209) 761-0081 <a href="mailto:foursea@clearwire.net">foursea@clearwire.net</a> <b>Service Area:</b> Central and Northern California</p>
<p><b>Full Circle Consulting, LLC</b> 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><b>Specialization:</b> Processing/Handling; Retailer; Broker/Trader; Co-Packer/Private Labeler</p>	<p><b>Full Circle Consulting, LLC</b> PO Box 165 Viroqua, WI 54665 (608) 206-6499 <a href="mailto:pattibd@gmail.com">pattibd@gmail.com</a> <b>Service Area:</b> North America</p>
<p><b>Integrated Organic Services, Inc.</b> 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 &amp; translation of documents required to obtain OMRI registration of inputs &amp; materials. Internal on-site inspections. Development &amp; review of Standard Operating Procedures &amp; Logs (receiving, production, pest control, sanitation, etc.). Training programs. Review of ingredients &amp; materials. Development &amp; 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><b>Specialization:</b> Grower (including greenhouse), Processor/Handler, Retail <b>Languages:</b> English, Spanish</p>	<p><b>Cara Smiley</b> Oaxaca, Oaxaca, Mexico (831) 359-4096 045-951-228-3386 <a href="mailto:csmiley@integratedorganic.com">csmiley@integratedorganic.com</a> <a href="http://www.integratedorganic.com">www.integratedorganic.com</a> <b>Service Area:</b> Mexico, Central America, South America, U.S.</p>
<p><b>Keep It Simple: Organic Solutions</b> 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><b>Specialization:</b> Livestock/Dairy</p>	<p><b>Benjamin Lewis</b> 201 2nd St. Davis, CA 95616 (530) 574-1407 <a href="mailto:SimpleOrganicSolutions@gmail.com">SimpleOrganicSolutions@gmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>Mark Chass</b> Comprehensive certification and inspection experience since 1982.</p> <p><b>Specialization:</b> Grower, Livestock, Processor/Handler</p>	<p><b>Mark Chass</b> P.O. Box 2161 Sebastopol, CA 95473 (707) 824-9544 <a href="mailto:markchass@comcast.net">markchass@comcast.net</a> <b>Service Area:</b> San Francisco Bay Area, Northern California</p>

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<p><b>Organic Consulting Firm (The)</b>            Let The Organic Consulting Firm (The OCF) do the work for you! The OCF is an international company providing full service evaluation, development, training, and verification to organic standards, including USDA, JAS, Canada, EU, and others. The founders are active in today's organic certification industry. The OCF will integrate organic compliance into existing procedures to create a complete customized Organic Systems Plan.</p> <p><b>Specialization:</b> Grower, Processor/Handler, Livestock, Retail</p>	<p><b>Karen Troxell, Shannon Murphy</b>            30520 Rancho California Rd. Suite #107-101            Temecula, CA 92591            (951) 676-4395  <a href="mailto:info@theocf.com">info@theocf.com</a>  <a href="http://www.TheOCF.com">www.TheOCF.com</a>  <b>Service Area:</b> Offices located in Southern California, traveling globally.</p>
<p><b>Organic Education Solutions (OES), LLC</b>            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><b>Specialization:</b> Qualified for national and international organic and food safety programs for growers, livestock and processors.</p>	<p><b>Krista Wanser</b>            PO Box 104            Dwight, NE 68635            813-422-5533  <a href="mailto:support@organiceducationsolutions.com">support@organiceducationsolutions.com</a>  <a href="http://www.organiceducationsolutions.com">www.organiceducationsolutions.com</a></p>
<p><b>Organic Help</b>            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><b>Specialization:</b> Grower, Processor/Handler</p>	<p><b>Carol Cripe</b>            32902 Lilac Road            Valley Center, CA 92082  <a href="mailto:carol_cripe@yahoo.com">carol_cripe@yahoo.com</a>  <b>Service Area:</b> Southern California</p>
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# 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**

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.

**NO**

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**

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

**NO**

**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			
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Additional 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,