

CCOF Mission: To certify, educate, advocate, and promote organic

• Structure:

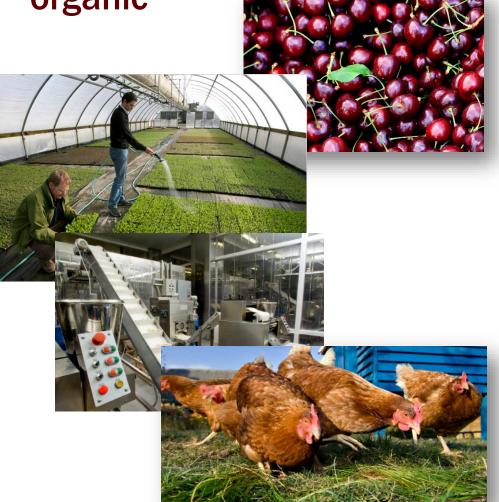
- CCOF Certification Services
- CCOF Inc.
- CCOF Foundation

• Culture:

 Member-founded and membergoverned since 1973

Impact:

- > 2,600 Certified Operations
- > 2 million Certified Acres
- Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 based on CCOF standards



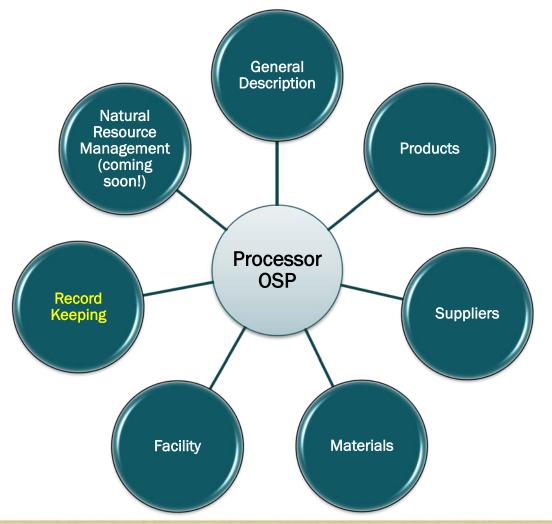


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Basic Requirements for an Organic System Plan (OSP)



Record Keeping is Essential to Organic Certification

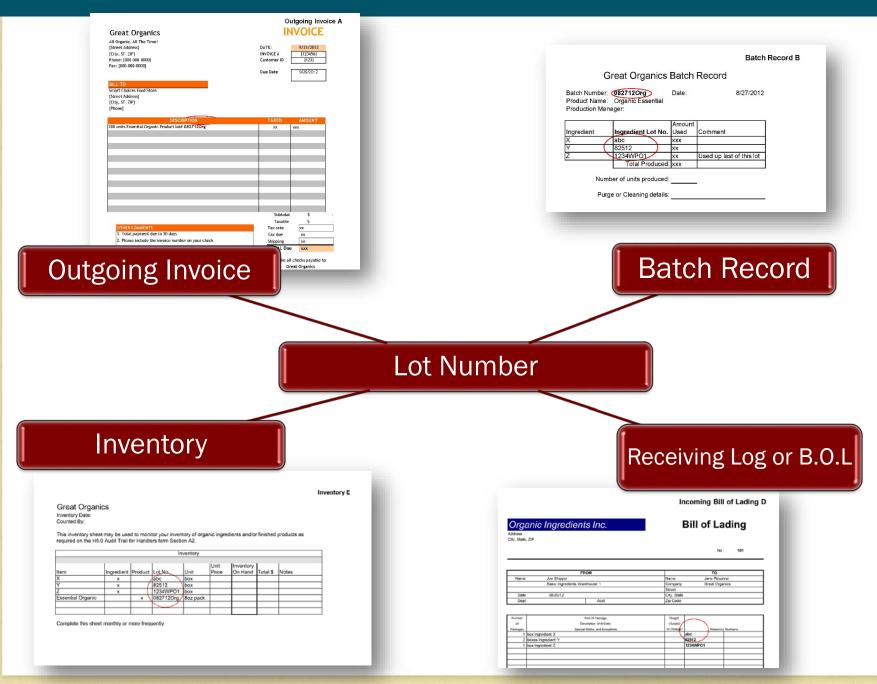
NOP § 205.103 Recordkeeping by certified operations

- (a) A certified operation must maintain records concerning the production, harvesting, and handling of agricultural products that are or that are intended to be sold, labeled, or represented as "100 percent organic", "organic", or "made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))."
- (b) Such records must:
 - 1) Be adapted to the particular business that the certified operation is condition;
 - Fully disclose all activities and transactions of the certified operation in sufficient detail as to be readily understood and audited;
 - 3) Be maintained for not less than 5 years beyond their creation; and
 - 4) Be sufficient to demonstrate compliance with the Act and the regulations in this part.

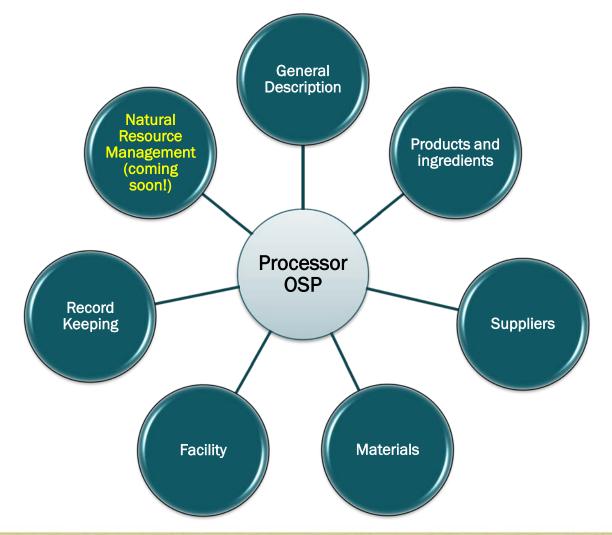
(c) The certified operation must make such records available for the inspection and copying during normal business hours by authorized representatives of the Secretary, the applicable State program's governing State official, and the certifying agent.



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How can organic standards help sustainability reports?



How can organic standards influence sustainability reporting?

NOP § 205.200 General

The producer or handler of a production or handling operation intending to sell, label, or represent agricultural products as "100 percent organic," " organic," or "made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))" must comply with applicable provisions of this subpart. Production practices implemented in accordance with this subpart must maintain or improve the natural resources of this operation, including soil and water quality.







Sustainable Food Trade Association organic leaders for sustainability

Organic standards can influence Sustainable Meat Sourcing

Organic Livestock Requirements

- 100% organic feed, no exceptions
- Year-round to the outdoors, shade, shelter, exercise areas, fresh air, clean water for drinking
- Clean, dry, appropriate bedding
- No antibiotics or growth hormones
- Preventive healthcare practices must be used
- Only allowed feed supplements, additives, and healthcare materials



Traceability in Organic Livestock Production

Recordkeeping requirements

- Must have system in place to track product (meat, eggs, etc.) from field to sale
 - Animal identification
 - Animal movement
 - Feed records
 - Healthcare records
 - Confinement records
 - Production or harvest
 - Sales

