



Operation Name: _____ Date: _____

- ▶ All labels must be approved by CCOF prior to use.
- ▶ Organic labeling guidelines are available at www.ccof.org/labeling.

The USDA seal and/or the CCOF seal or name are optional for use on all types of labels. If the USDA seal is used, it must be printed in allowed color schemes only, and its design may not be modified. If both seals are used, the USDA seal must be displayed more prominently than the CCOF seal.

A. Nonretail (Shipping or Storage) Containers

Nonretail containers are any container used to ship or store organic products that are not used for retail sale. This includes temporary signage applied to unpackaged products during shipping and storage.

Nonretail containers must identify product as organic (not required if container holds product packaged for retail sale with retail organic status identification visible through the nonretail container).

Nonretail containers must display production lot number, shipping identification, or other unique identification that links the container to audit trail documentation.

- 1) Do you use any nonretail containers (examples: produce boxes, bins, totes, bags, etc.) for shipping or storage of organic crops?
 - No. Skip to section B. **Yes. Attach all nonretail container labels.** Provide color samples if USDA seal is used.
- 2) How do nonretail containers identify the organic status of the product? Mark all that apply.
 - 'Organic', 'Org', 'O', "OG" or similar CCOF seal USDA seal "Certified organic by CCOF" statement
 - Nonretail container holds retail packaged product & organic status is visible through the nonretail container
 - Other (describe): _____
- 3) Indicate which of the following are used on nonretail containers to link the container to your audit trail documentation (e.g. harvest, shipping, storage, and/or sales records). Select all that apply.
 - Lot number. Describe lot numbering system in [G8.0 Record Keeping](#) Shipping identification
 - Other unique identification (describe): _____

B. Retail Labels (Packaged or Unpackaged)

- 1) Do you use any retail labels for **packaged** organic products (examples: box, bag, sleeve, clamshell, etc.)?
 - No. Continue to B2.
 - Yes. Attach all retail package labels.** Provide color samples if USDA seal is used.

Packaged retail product labels must state "Certified Organic by CCOF" (or similar) and this phrase must be located **below** the information identifying your operation or the handler/distributor.

- 2) Do you use any retail labels for **unpackaged** organic products (examples: PLU stickers/tags, twist ties, plant tags, etc.) that include the USDA seal, CCOF name/seal, or an ingredient statement?
 - No. Continue to section C.
 - Yes. Attach unpackaged retail product labels.** Provide color samples if USDA seal is used.

PLU labels include stickers and tags affixed to produce and may include produce bags that remain open in the retail setting.

"Certified Organic by CCOF" is optional on these labels. CCOF only reviews these labels if they include the contain the USDA seal, CCOF name/seal, or an ingredient statement.

C. Brands

- 1) Are any brands/labels that you use owned by other companies (brand owners)?
 - Not applicable, no branded labels or packaging OR only pack into my operation's own labels/brand. Stop, this form is complete.
 - Yes. Continue to question 2.

- 2) Indicate the certification status for each company whose brand(s) your crops are packed into. Mark all that apply.

Brand owner certificates must list finished branded products packed into their labels. You must maintain current certificates for all certified organic brand owners, including those certified by CCOF. In [G8.0 Record Keeping](#), describe your monitoring practices to verify that the organic status of your crops will be maintained through distribution by the brand owner, and prevent organic fraud.

- Uncertified. **Attach Co-Packer Application** (one per brand owner).
- CCOF certified.
- Certified by another certification agency and that certification agency is identified on the label. **Attach certificate.**
- Certified by another certification agency and CCOF is identified on the label (CCOF name or seal). **Attach certificate and [Co-Packer Application](#)**