

# GFSI CERTIFICATION FOR ORGANIC PRODUCERS

## CCOF: Food Safety by and for organic.

### Multiple Certifications Under One Roof

CCOF brings our certification expertise, service, and integrity to GFSI level food safety audits. Our highly trained auditors can perform organic and food safety inspections on the same trip, saving on costly inspector travel and your valuable time. PrimusGFS and GLOBALG.A.P. certifications prepare your operation for compliance with the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA). CCOF also provides food safety certification for your non-organic acreage, so long as some aspect of your farm is organic or in transition.

### Food Safety Certification for Organic Producers and Handlers

Food safety certification is your passport to expanding markets, and CCOF will help you get there! Our food safety program is by and for organic producers. CCOF's highly trained inspectors and staff are knowledgeable about organic and food safety requirements, making CCOF certification personal and accessible. Join more than 4,000 organic farmers, handlers, producers, and ranchers who choose CCOF for service-oriented certifications, diverse educational offerings, and dedicated policy work. Our globally recognized programs allow organic producers and handlers to succeed in a competitive marketplace.

#### Our food safety program offers:

- » Food safety auditors who are also qualified to perform organic inspections
- » Streamlined inspection scheduling
- » Globally recognized certifications like PrimusGFS and GLOBALG.A.P. to satisfy buyer requirements
- » FSMA alignment and preparation
- » Responsive and friendly staff
- » Widely accepted certifications
- » Food safety certification of non-organic produce

### Food Safety Services

CCOF has several certification standards to satisfy buyers. Talk to your buyers to determine which program you need!

#### PrimusGFS Standards

- » Good Agricultural Practices: For production areas in farms, indoor agricultural, and harvest crews.
- » Good Manufacturing Practices: For storage and distribution, cooler/cold storage, packing houses and processing facilities.

#### GLOBALG.A.P. Standards

- » IFA: Integrated Farm Assurance (great for export) – GFSI Benchmarked
- » HPSS: Harmonized Produce Safety Standard (helpful for producers new to food safety) – GFSI Benchmarked etc.)
- » PHA: Produce Handling Assessment (facility audit for packing houses and simple processing) – GFSI.
- » HOPs (HO): sub-scope specifically designed for the hops industry.
- » PPM: Plant Propagation Materials sub-scope designed specifically for the greenhouse and propagation industry.

### Who/What is GFSI and why does it matter?

The Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI) is an international nonprofit umbrella organization that "benchmarks" (deems equivalent) food safety certification schemes. Many buyers and retailers require that suppliers are certified to a GFSI benchmarked scheme. CCOF offers a variety of GFSI benchmarked certification standards to meet the needs of organic operations and their buyers.

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