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# Organic Resource Manual

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# Preface

Welcome to the organic resource manual. This manual was compiled to create a user-friendly directory of organic resources located in or around Arkansas. The directory provides National Organic Program information and identifies resource groups, certification agencies, buyers, publications, consultants, etc., that Extension personnel and organic producers in Arkansas may find helpful.

## Acknowledgement

The information in this manual was accumulated from direct observation, scientific literature, and anecdotes from others. Please be aware that while every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information, some information may become outdated or incorrect. Periodic updates of the manual will be conducted as necessary.

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# **I. National Organic Program (NOP) Information**

## **A. Definitions**

Definitions listed are related specifically to agricultural production and processing of crops, livestock and crop products relative to their consideration as organic production. Most of the following definitions come directly from the National Organic Program (NOP). Definitions were compiled in April 2006. For online access of NOP definitions visit: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/NOP/standards/DefineReg.html>

### **§ 205.1 Meaning of Words.**

For the purpose of the regulations in this subpart, words in the singular form shall be deemed to impart the plural and vice versa, as the case may demand.

### **§ 205.2 Terms Defined.**

#### **Accreditation**

The limit made by the Secretary that authorizes a private, foreign, or State entity to conduct certification activities as a certifying agent under this part.

#### **Act**

The Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501 et seq.).

#### **Action level**

The limit at or above which the Food and Drug Administration will take legal action against a product to remove it from the market. Action levels are based on unavailability of the poisonous or deleterious substances and do not represent permissible levels of contamination where it is avoidable.

#### **Administrator**

The Administrator for the Agricultural Marketing Service, United States Department of Agriculture, or the representative to whom authority has been delegated to act instead of the Administrator.

#### **Agricultural inputs**

All substances or materials used in the production or handling of organic agricultural products.

#### **Agricultural product**

Any agricultural commodity or product, whether raw or processed, including any commodity or product derived from livestock, that is marketed in the United States for human or livestock consumption.

**Allowed synthetic**

A substance that is included on the National List of synthetic substances allowed for use in organic production or handling.

**Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)**

The Agricultural Marketing Service of the United States Department of Agriculture

**Animal drug**

Any drug as defined in section 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, as amended (21 U.S.C. 321), that is intended for use in livestock, including any drug intended for use in livestock feed but not including such livestock feed.

**Annual seedling**

A plant grown from seed that will complete its life cycle or produce a harvestable yield within the same crop year or season in which it was planted.

**Area of operation**

The types of operations: crops, livestock, wild-crop harvesting or handling, or any combination thereof that a certifying agency may be accredited to certify under this part.

**Audit trail**

Documentation that is sufficient to determine the source, transfer of ownership and transportation of any agricultural product labeled as “100 percent organic,” the organic ingredients of any agricultural product labeled as “organic” or “made with organic (specified ingredients)” or the organic ingredients of any agricultural product containing less than 70 percent organic ingredients identified as organic in an ingredient statement.

**Biodegradable**

Subject to biological decomposition into simpler biochemical or chemical components.

**Biodiversity**

The variety and variability among living organisms and the ecological complexes in which they occur. Diversity can be defined as the number of different items and their relative frequency. For biological diversity, these items are organized at many levels, ranging from complete ecosystems to the chemical structures that are the molecular basis of heredity. Thus, the term encompasses different ecosystems, species, genes, and their relative abundance.

**Biodynamic farming**

A farming system that is very similar to organic agriculture in that soil fertility is the emphasis. Biodynamic farmers utilize special plants, minerals, and animal preparations, and they also have a formula for making compost that minimizes

loss of nutrients. Cosmic and earth forces play a role in crop production, and farmers often try to plant according to moon phases.

**Biologics**

All viruses, serums, toxins and analogous products of natural or synthetic origin, such as diagnostics, antitoxins, vaccines, live microorganisms, killed microorganisms, and the antigenic or immunizing components of microorganisms intended for use in the diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of diseases of animals.

**Biorational pesticide**

Products that are considered to be environmentally friendly because they have minimal harmful effects on non-target organisms and the environment. They are frequently more “user friendly” than traditional pesticides. Examples include neem oil, insecticidal soap, horticultural oil and potassium bicarbonate.

**Breeder stock**

Female livestock whose offspring may be incorporated into an organic operation at the time of their birth.

**Buffer zone**

An area located between a certified production operation or portion of a production operation and an adjacent land area that is not maintained under organic management. A buffer zone must be sufficient in size or other features (e.g., windbreaks or a diversion ditch) to prevent the possibility of unintended contact by prohibited substances applied to adjacent land areas with an area that is part of a certified operation. *\*General required buffer zone is 25 feet.*

**Bulk**

The presentation to consumers at retail sale of an agricultural product in unpackaged, loose form, enabling the consumer to determine the individual pieces, amounts, or volume of the product purchased.

**Certification or certified**

A determination made by a certifying agent that a production of handling operation is in compliance with the Act and the regulations in the part, which is documented by a certificate of organic operation.

**Certified operation**

A crop or livestock production, wild-crop harvesting or handling operation, or portion of such operation that is certified by an accredited certifying agency as utilizing a system of organic production or handling as described by the Act and the regulations in this part.



**Certifying agent**

Any entity accredited by the Secretary as a certifying agent for the purpose of certifying a production of handling operation as a certified production of handling operation. *\*States are given authority to delegate a certifying agent.*

**Certifying agent's operation**

All sites, facilities, personnel, and records used by a certifying agent to conduct certification activities under the Act and the regulations in this part.

**Claims**

Oral, written, implied, or symbolic representations, statements, advertising or other forms of communication presented to the public or buyers of agricultural products that relate to the organic certification process or the term, "100 percent organic," "organic," or "made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))," or, in the case of agricultural products containing less than 70 percent organic ingredients, the term, "organic," on the ingredients panel.

**Commercially available**

The ability to obtain a production input in an appropriate form, quality, or 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.

**Commingling**

Physical contact between unpackaged organically produced and non-organically produced agricultural products during production, transportation, storage, handling, or processing, other than during the manufacture of a multi-ingredient product containing both types of ingredients.

**Compost**

The product of a managed process through which microorganisms break down plant and animal materials into more available forms suitable for application to the soil. Compost must be produced through a process that combines plant and animal materials with an initial C:N ratio of between 25:1 and 40:1. Producers using an in-vessel or static aerated pile system must maintain the composting materials at a temperature between 131° F and 170° F for 3 days. Producers using a windrow system must maintain the composting materials at a temperature between 131° F and 170° F for 15 days, during which time, the materials must be turned a minimum of five times.

**Compost tea**

A water extract of compost is brewed, or organisms were extracted from the compost, the bacteria, fungi, protozoa, and nematodes are given a chance to increase in number and activity using the soluble food resources and nutrients present in the water.

**Control**

Any method that reduces or limits damage by populations of pests, weeds, or diseases to levels that do not significantly reduce productivity.

**Conventional farming systems**

A farming system that relies on intensive chemical programs and reliance on mechanized production, using specialized equipment and facilities.

**Crop**

A plant or part of a plant intended to be marketed as an agricultural product or fed to livestock.

**Crop residues**

The plant parts remaining in a field after the harvest of a crop, which include stalks, stems, leaves, roots, and weeds.

**Crop rotation**

The practice of alternating the annual crops grown on a specific field in a planned pattern or sequence in successive crop years so that crops of the same species or family are not grown repeatedly without interruption on the same field. Perennial cropping systems employ means such as alley cropping, intercropping, and hedgerows to introduce biological diversity in lieu of crop rotation.

**Crop year**

That normal growing season for a crop as determined by the Secretary.

**Cultivation**

Digging up or cutting the soil to prepare a seed bed; control weeds; aerate the soil; or work organic matter, crop residues, or fertilizers into the soil.

**Cultivar**

An unvarying variety of plant produced by selective hybridization, or, sometimes found in wild populations and maintained by vegetative propagation or by inbred seed.

**Cultural methods**

Methods used to enhance crop health and prevent weed, pest, or disease problems without the use of substances; examples include the selection of appropriate varieties and planting sites; proper timing and density of plantings; irrigation; and extending a growing season by manipulating the microclimate with green houses, cold frames, or wind breaks.

**Detectable residues**

The amount or presence of chemical residues or sample components that can be reliably observed or found in the sample matrix by current approved analytical methodology.

**Disease vectors**

Plants or animals that harbor or transmit disease organisms or pathogens which may attack crops or livestock.

**Drift**

The physical movement of prohibited substances from the intended target site onto an organic operation or portion thereof.

**Emergency pest or disease treatment program**

A mandatory program authorized by a Federal, State, or local agency for the purpose of controlling or eradicating a pest or disease.

**Employee**

Any person providing paid or volunteer services for a certifying agent

**Excluded methods**

A variety of methods used to genetically modify organisms or influence their growth and development by means that are not possible under natural conditions or processes and are not considered compatible with organic production. Such methods include cell fusion, microencapsulation and macroencapsulation, and recombinant DNA technology (including gene deletion, gene doubling, introducing a foreign gene, and changing the positions of genes when achieved by recombinant DNA technology). Such methods do not include the use of traditional breeding, conjugation, fermentation, hybridization, in vitro fertilization, or tissue culture.

**Feed**

Edible materials which are consumed by livestock for their nutritional value. Feed may be concentrates (grains) or roughages (hay, silage, fodder). The term, "feed," encompasses all agricultural commodities, including pasture grasses or grains ingested by livestock for nutritional purposes.

**Feed additive**

A substance added to feed in micro quantities to fulfill a specific nutritional need; i.e., essential nutrients in the form of amino acids, vitamins, and minerals.

**Feed Supplement**

A combination of feed nutrients added to livestock feed to improve the nutrient balance or performance of the total ration and intended to be:

- (1) Diluted with other feeds when fed to livestock;
- (2) Offered free choice with other parts of the ration if separately available; or
- (3) Further diluted and mixed to produce a complete feed.

**Fertilizer**

A single or blended substance containing one or more recognized plant nutrient(s) which is used primarily for its plant nutrient content and which is designed for use or claimed to have value in promoting plant growth.

**Field**

An area of land identified as a discrete unit within a production operation.

**Forage**

Vegetative material in a fresh, dried, or ensiled state (pasture, hay, or silage), which is fed to livestock.

**Genetically modified organism (GMO)**

(a) An organism that has been modified by gene technology or (b) an organism that has inherited traits from an organism (the initial organism), being traits that occurred in the initial organism because of gene technology, or (c) anything declared by the Gene Technology Regulations to be a genetically modified organism.

**Governmental entity**

Any domestic government, tribal government, or foreign governmental subdivision providing certification services.

**Growth regulator**

Products registered as pesticides that do not control pests, but change the shape or appearance of the plant, stop or start plant growth, prevent flowering and other natural functions.

**Handle**

To sell, process, or package agricultural products, except such term shall not include the sale, transportation, or delivery of crops or livestock by the producer thereof to a handler.

**Handler**

Any person engaged in the business of handling agricultural products, including producers who handle crops or livestock of their own production, except such term shall not include final retailers of agricultural products that do not process agricultural products.

**Handling operation**

Any operation or portion of an operation (except final retailers of agricultural products that do not process agricultural products) that receives or otherwise acquires agricultural products and processes, packages, or stores such products.

**Immediate family**

The spouse, minor children, or blood relatives who reside in the immediate household of a certifying agent or an employee, inspector, contractor, or other personnel of the certifying agent. For the purpose of this part, the interest of a spouse, minor child, or blood relative who is a resident of the immediate household of a certifying agent or an employee, inspector, contractor, or other personnel of the certifying agent shall be considered to be an interest of the certifying agent or an employee, inspector, contractor, or other personnel of the certifying agent.

**Inert ingredient**

Any substance (or group of substances with similar chemical structures if designated by the Environmental Protection Agency) other than an active ingredient which is intentionally included in any pesticide product (40 CFR 152.3(m)).

**Information panel**

That part of the label of a packaged product that is immediately contiguous to and to the right of the principal display panel as observed by an individual facing the principal display panel, unless another section of the label is designated as the information panel because of package size or other package attributes (e.g., irregular shape with one usable surface).

**Ingredient**

Any substance used in the preparation of an agricultural product that is still present in the final commercial product as consumed.

**Ingredients statement**

The list of ingredients contained in a product shown in their common and usual names in the descending order of predominance.

**Inspector**

Any person retained or used by a certifying agent to conduct inspections of certification applicants or certified production or handling operations.

**Inspection**

The act of examining and evaluating the production or handling operation of an applicant for certification or certified operation to determine compliance with the Act and the regulations in this part.

**Label**

A display of written, printed, or graphic material on the immediate container of an agricultural product or any such material affixed to any agricultural product or affixed to a bulk container containing an agricultural product, except for package liners or a display of written, printed, or graphic material which contains only information about the weight of the product.

**Labeling**

All written, printed, or graphic material accompanying an agricultural product at any time or written, printed, or graphic material about the agricultural product displayed at retail stores about the product.

**Livestock**

Any cattle, sheep, goat, swine, poultry, or equine animals used for food or in the production of food, fiber, feed, or other agricultural-based consumer products; wild or domesticated game; or other nonplant life, except such term shall not include aquatic animals or bees for the production of food, fiber, feed, or other agricultural-based consumer products.

**Lot**

Any number of containers which contain an agricultural product of the same kind located in the same conveyance, warehouse, or packing house and which are available for inspection at the same time.

**Manure**

Feces, urine, other excrement, and bedding produced by livestock that has not been composted.

**Mating disruption, insect pests**

Form of insect control in which synthetic sex pheromones, usually of the female are maintained artificially at a higher level than the background, interfering with male location; sometimes referred to as male confusion.

**Market information**

Any written, printed, audiovisual, or graphic information, including advertising, pamphlets, flyers, catalogues, posters, and signs, distributed, broadcast, or made available outside of retail outlets that are used to assist in the sale or promotion of a product.

**Mulch**

Any nonsynthetic material, such as wood chips, leaves, or straw, or any synthetic material included on the National List for such use, such as newspaper or plastic that serves to suppress weed growth, moderate soil temperature, or conserve soil moisture.

**Narrow range oils**

Petroleum derivatives, predominately of paraffinic and naphthenic fractions with 50 percent boiling point (10 mm Hg) between 415F and 440F.

**National List**

A list of allowed and prohibited substances as provided for in the Act.

**National Organic Program (NOP)**

The program authorized by the Act for the purpose of implementing its provisions.

**National Organic Standards Board (NOSB)**

A board established by the Secretary under 7 U.S.C. 6518 to assist in the development of standards for substances to be used in organic production and to advise the Secretary on any other aspects of the implementation of the National Organic Program.

**Natural resources of the operation**

The physical, hydrological, and biological features of a production operation, including soil, water, wetlands, woodlands, and wildlife.

**Nonagricultural substance**

A substance that is not a product of agriculture, such as a mineral or a bacterial culture, that is used as an ingredient in an agricultural product. For the purposes of this part, a nonagricultural ingredient also includes any substance, such as gums, citric acid, or pectin, that is extracted from, isolated from, or a fraction of an agricultural product so that the identity of the agricultural product is unrecognizable in the extract, isolate, or fraction.

**Nonsynthetic (natural)**

A substance that is derived from mineral, plant, or animal matter and does not undergo a synthetic process as defined in section 6502(21) of the Act (7 U.S.C. 6502(21)). For the purposes of this part, nonsynthetic is used as a synonym for natural as the term is used in the Act.

**Nontoxic**

Not known to cause any adverse physiological effects in animals, plants, humans, or the environment.

**Nonretail container**

Any container used for shipping or storage of an agricultural product that is not used in the retail display or sale of the product.

**Nursery stock**

All field or container-grown and native trees, sod, shrubs, herbaceous perennials, vines, cuttings, grafts, scion, buds, fruit-pits and other seeds of fruit and ornamental trees and shrubs; also other plants and plant products for, or capable of, propagation, except field, vegetable, and flower seeds, bedding plants, bulbs, and roots.

**Organic**

A labeling term that refers to an agricultural product produced in accordance with the Act and the regulations in this part.

**Organic matter**

The remains, residues, or waste products of any organism.

**Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI)**

An institute that provides certifiers, growers, manufacturers and suppliers with an independent review of products intended for use in certified organic production, handling and processing.

**Organic production**

A production system that is managed in accordance with the Act and regulations in this part to respond to site-specific conditions by integrating cultural, biological, and mechanical practices that foster cycling of resources, promote ecological balance, and conserve biodiversity.

**Organic system plan**

A plan of management of an organic production or handling operation that has been agreed to by the producer or handler and the certifying agent and that includes written plans concerning all aspects of agricultural production or handling described in the Act and the regulations in subpart C of this part.

**Pasture**

Land used for livestock grazing that is managed to provide feed value and maintain or improve soil, water, and vegetative resources.

**Peer review panel**

A panel of individuals who have expertise in organic production and handling methods and certification procedures and who are appointed by the Administrator to assist in evaluating applicants for accreditation as certifying agents.

**Person**

An individual, partnership, corporation, association, cooperative, or other entity.

**Pesticide**

Any substance which alone, in chemical combination, or in any formulation with one or more substances is defined as a pesticide in section 2(u) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. 136(u) et seq).

**Petition**

A request to amend the National List that is submitted by any person in accordance with this part.

**Planting stock**

Any plant or plant tissue other than annual seedlings but including rhizomes, shoots, leaf or stem cuttings, roots, or tubers, used in plant production or propagation.



**Practice standard**

The guidelines and requirements through which a production or handling operation implements a required component of its production or handling organic system plan. A practice standard includes a series of allowed and prohibited actions, materials, and conditions to establish a minimum level performance for planning, conducting, and maintaining a function, such as livestock health care or facility pest management, essential to an organic operation.

**Principal display panel**

That part of a label that is most likely to be displayed, presented, shown, or examined under customary conditions of display for sale.

**Private entity**

Any domestic or foreign nongovernmental for-profit or not-for-profit organization providing certification services.

**Processing**

Cooking, baking, curing, heating, drying, mixing, grinding, churning, separating, extracting, slaughtering, cutting, fermenting, distilling, eviscerating, preserving, dehydrating, freezing, chilling, or otherwise manufacturing and includes the packaging, canning, jarring, or otherwise enclosing food in a container.

**Processing aid**

(a) substance that is added to a food during the processing of such food but is removed in some manner from the food before it is packaged in its finished form; (b) a substance that is added to a food during processing, is converted into constituents normally present in the food, and does not significantly increase the amount of the constituents naturally found in the food; and (c) a substance that is added to a food for its technical or functional effect in the processing but is present in the finished food at insignificant levels and does not have any technical or functional effect in that food.

**Producer**

A person who engages in the business of growing or producing food, fiber, feed, and other agricultural-based consumer products.

**Production lot number/identifier**

Identification of a product based on the production sequence of the product showing the date, time, and place of production used for quality control purposes.

**Prohibited substance**

A substance the use of which in any aspect of organic production or handling is prohibited or not provided for in the Act or the regulations of this part.

**Records**

Any information in written, visual, or electronic form that documents the activities undertaken by a producer, handler, or certifying agent to comply with the Act and regulations in this part.

**Residue testing**

An official or validated analytical procedure that detects, identifies, and measures the presence of chemical substances, their metabolites, or degradation products in or on raw or processed agricultural products.

**Responsibly connected**

Any person who is a partner, officer, director, holder, manager, or owner of 10 percent or more of the voting stock of an applicant or a recipient of certification or accreditation.

**Retail food establishment**

A restaurant; delicatessen; bakery; grocery store; or any retail outlet with an in-store restaurant, delicatessen, bakery, salad bar, or other eat-in or carry-out service of processed or prepared raw and ready-to-eat-food.

**Routine use of parasiticide**

The regular, planned, or periodic use of parasiticides.

**Secretary**

The Secretary of Agriculture or a representative to whom authority has been delegated to act in the Secretary's stead.

**Sewage sludge**

A solid, semisolid, or liquid residue generated during the treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works. Sewage sludge includes but is not limited to: domestic septage; scum or solids removed in primary, secondary, or advanced wastewater treatment processes; and a material derived from sewage sludge. Sewage sludge does not include ash generated during the firing of sewage sludge in a sewage sludge incinerator or grit and screenings generated during preliminary treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works.

**Slaughter stock**

Any animal that is intended to be slaughtered for consumption by humans or other animals.

**Split operation**

An operation that produces or handles both organic and nonorganic agricultural products.

**Soil and water quality**

Observable indicators of the physical, chemical, or biological condition of soil and water, including the presence of environmental contaminants.

**State**

Any of the several States of the United States of America, its territories, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

**State certifying agent**

A certifying agent accredited by the Secretary under the National Organic Program and operated by the State for the purposes of certifying organic production and handling operations in the State.

**State organic program (SOP)**

A State program that meets the requirements of section 6506 of the Act, is approved by the Secretary, and is designed to ensure that a product that is sold or labeled as organically produced under the Act is produced and handled using organic methods.

**State organic program's governing State official**

The chief executive official of a State or, in the case of a State that provides for the statewide election of an official to be responsible solely for the administration of the agricultural operations of the State, such official who administers a State organic certification program.

**Synthetic**

A substance that is formulated or manufactured by a chemical process or by a process that chemically changes a substance extracted from naturally occurring plant, animal, or mineral sources, except that such term shall not apply to substances created by naturally occurring biological processes.

**Tolerance**

The maximum legal level of a pesticide chemical residue in or on a raw or processed agricultural commodity or processed food.

**Transplant**

A seedling which has been removed from its original place of production, transported, and replanted.

**Unavoidable residual environmental contamination (UREC)**

Background levels of naturally occurring or synthetic chemicals that are present in the soil or present in organically produced agricultural products that are below established tolerances.

**Wild crop**

Any plant or portion of a plant that is collected or harvested from a site that is not maintained under cultivation or other agricultural management.

## **B. National Organic Program Certification**

These requirements for organic certification come directly from the National Organic Program (NOP) as of April 2006. For up to date requirements visit the NOP online at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/indexIE.htm>.

### **§ 205.400 General requirements for certification.**

A person seeking to receive or maintain organic certification under the regulations in this part must:

- A. Comply with the Act and applicable organic production and handling regulations of this part;
- B. Establish, implement and update annually an organic production or handling systems plan that is submitted to an accredited certifying agent as provided in § 205.200;
- C. Permit on-site inspections with complete access to the production or handling operation, including noncertified production and handling areas, structures, and offices by the certifying agent as provided for in § 205.403;
- D. Maintain all records applicable to the organic operation for not less than 5 years beyond their creation and allow authorized representatives of the Secretary, the applicable State organic program's governing State official, and the certifying agent access to such records during normal business hours for review and copying to determine compliance with the Act and the regulations in this part, as provided for in § 205.104;
- E. Submit the applicable fees charged by the certifying agent; and
- F. Immediately notify the certifying agent concerning any:
  1. Application, including drift, of a prohibited substance to any field, production unit, site, facility, livestock, or product that is part of any operation; and
  2. Change in a certified operation or any portion of a certified operation that may affect its compliance with the Act and the regulations in this part.

### **§ 205.401 Application for Certification.**

A person seeking certification of a production or handling operation under this subpart must submit an application for certification to a certifying agent. The application must include the following information:

- A. An organic production or handling system plan, as required in § 205.200;

- B. The name of the person completing the application; the applicant's business name, address and telephone number; and, when the applicant is a corporation, the name, address, and telephone number of the person authorized to act on the applicant's behalf;
- C. The name(s) of any organic certifying agent(s) to which application has previously been made; the year(s) of application; the outcome of the application(s) submission, including, when available, a copy of any notification of noncompliance or denial of certification issued to the applicant for certification; and a description of the actions taken by the applicant to correct the noncompliances noted in the notification of noncompliance, including evidence of such correction; and
- D. Other information necessary to determine compliance with the Act and the regulations in this part.

#### **§ 205.402 Review of Application**

- A. Upon acceptance of an application for certification, a certifying agent must:
  - 1. Review the application to ensure completeness pursuant to § 205.401;
  - 2. Determine by a review of the application materials whether the applicant appears to comply or may be able to comply with the applicable requirements of subpart C of this part;
  - 3. Verify that an applicant who previously applied to another certifying agent and received a notification of noncompliance or denial of certification, pursuant to § 205.405, has submitted documentation to support the correction of any noncompliances identified in the notification of noncompliance or denial of certification as required in § 205.405(e); and
  - 4. Schedule an on-site inspection of the operation to determine whether the applicant qualifies for certification if the review of application materials reveals that the production or handling operation may be in compliance with the applicable requirement of subpart C of this part.
- B. The certifying agent shall within a reasonable time:
  - 1. Review the application materials received and communicate its findings to the applicant;
  - 2. Provide the applicant with a copy of the on-site inspection report, as approved by the certifying agent, for any on-site inspection performed; and

3. Provide the applicant with a copy of the test results for any samples taken by an inspector.
- C. The applicant may withdraw its application at any time. An applicant who withdraws its application shall be liable for the costs of services provided up to the time of withdrawal of its application. An applicant that voluntarily withdrew its application prior to the issuance of a notice of noncompliance will not be issued a notice of noncompliance. Similarly, an applicant that voluntarily withdrew its application prior to the issuance of a notice of certification denial will not be issued a notice of certification denial.

**§ 205.403 On-site inspections.**

A. On-site inspections.

1. A certifying agent must conduct an initial on-site inspection of each production unit, facility and site that produces or handles organic products and that is included in an operation for which certification is requested. An on-site inspection shall be conducted annually thereafter for each certified operation that produces or handles organic products for the purpose of determining whether to approve the request for certification or whether the certification of the operation should continue.
2. (i) A certifying agent may conduct additional on-site inspection of applicants for certification and certified operations to determine compliance with the Act and the regulations in this part.  
  
(ii) The Administrator of State organic program's governing State official may require that additional inspections be performed by the certifying agent for the purpose of determining compliance with the Act and the regulations in this part.  
  
(iii) Additional inspection may be announced or unannounced at the discretion of the certifying agent or as required by the Administrator or State organic program's governing State official.

B. Scheduling.

1. The initial on-site inspection must be conducted within a reasonable time following a determination that the applicant appears to comply or may be able to comply with the requirements of subpart C of this part: Except, That, the initial inspection may be delayed for up to 6 months to comply with the requirements that the inspection be conducted when the land,

facilities, and activities that demonstrate compliance or capacity to comply can be observed.

2. All on-site inspections must be conducted when an authorized representative of the operation who is knowledgeable about the operation is present and at a time when land, facilities, and activities that demonstrate the operation's compliance with or capability to comply with the applicable provisions of subpart C of this part can be observed, except that this requirement does not apply to unannounced on-site inspections.

C. Verification of information. The on-site inspection of an operation must verify:

1. The operation's compliance or capability to comply with the Act and the regulations in this part;
2. That the information, including the organic production or handling system plan, provided in accordance with §§ 205.401, 205.406, and 205.200, accurately reflects the practice used or to be used by the applicant for certification or by the certified operation;
3. That prohibited substances have not been and are not being applied to the operation through means which, at the discretion of the certifying agent, may include the collection and testing of soil; water; waste; seeds; plant tissue; and plant, animal and processed products samples.

D. Exit interview. The inspector must conduct an exit interview with an authorized representative of the operation who is knowledgeable about the inspected operation to confirm the accuracy and completeness of inspection observations and information gathered during the on-site inspection. The inspector must also address the need for any additional information as well as any issues of concern.

E. Documents to the inspected operation.

1. At the time of the inspection, the inspector shall provide the operation's authorized representative with a receipt for any samples taken by the inspector. There shall be no charge to the inspector for the samples taken.
2. A copy of the on-site inspection report and any test results will be sent to the inspected operation by the certifying agent.

#### **§ 205.404 Granting certification.**

A. Within a reasonable time after completion of the initial on-site inspection, a certifying agent must review the on-site inspection report, the results of any



analyses for substances conducted, and any additional information requested from or supplied by the applicant. If the certifying agent determines that the organic system plan and all procedures and activities of the applicant's operation are in compliance with the requirements of this part and that the applicant is able to conduct operations in accordance with the plan, the agent shall grant certification. The certification may include requirements for the correction of minor noncompliances within a specified time period as a condition of continued certification.

- B. The certifying agent must issue a certificate of organic operation which specifies the:
  - 1. Name and address of the certified operation;
  - 2. Effective date of certification;
  - 3. Categories of organic operation, including crops, wild crops, livestock, or processed products produced by the certified operation; and
  - 4. Name, address, and telephone number of the certifying agent.
- C. Once certified, a production or handling operation's organic certification continues in effect until surrendered by the organic operation or suspended or revoked by the certifying agent, the State organic program's governing State official, or the Administrator.

**§ 205.405 Denial of certification.**

- A. When the certifying agent has reason to believe, based on a review of the information specified in § 205.402 or § 205.404, that an applicant for certification is not able to comply or is not in compliance with the requirements of this part, the certifying agent must provide a written notification of noncompliance to the applicant. When correction of noncompliance is not possible, a notification of noncompliance and a notification of denial of certification may be combined in one notification. The notification of noncompliance shall provide:
  - 1. A description of each non-compliance;
  - 2. The facts upon which the notification of noncompliance is based; and
  - 3. The date by which the applicant must rebut or correct each noncompliance and submit supporting documentation of each such correction when correction is possible.
- B. Upon receipt of such notification of noncompliance, the applicant may:

4. Correct noncompliances and submit a description of the corrective actions taken with supporting documentation to the certifying agent;
  5. Correct noncompliances and submit a new application to another certifying agent: Provided, That, the applicant must include a complete application, the notification of noncompliance received from the first certifying agent, and a description of the corrective actions taken with supporting documentation; or
  6. Submit written information to the issuing certifying agent to rebut the noncompliance described in the notification of noncompliance.
- C. After issuance of a notification of noncompliance, the certifying agent must:
7. Evaluate the applicant's corrective actions taken and supporting documentation submitted or the written rebuttal, conduct an on-site inspection if necessary, and
    - i. When the corrective action or rebuttal is sufficient for the applicant to qualify for certification, issue the applicant an approval of certification pursuant to § 205.404; or
    - ii. When the corrective action or rebuttal is non sufficient for the applicant to qualify for certification, issue the applicant a written notice of denial of certification.
  8. Issue a written notice of denial of certification to an applicant who fails to respond to the notification of noncompliance.
  9. Provide notice of approval or denial to the Administrator, pursuant to § 205.501 (a)(14).
- D. A notice of denial of certification must state the reason(s) for denial and the applicant's right to:
10. Reapply for certification pursuant to §§ 205.401 and 205.405(e);
  11. Request mediation pursuant § 205.663 or, if applicable, pursuant to a State organic program; or
  12. File an appeal of the denial of certification pursuant to § 205.681 or, if applicable, pursuant to a State organic program.
- E. An applicant for certification who has received a written notification of noncompliance or a written notice of denial of certification may apply for certification again at any time with any certifying agent, in accordance with

§§ 205.401 and 205.405(e). When such applicant submits a new application to a certifying agent other than the agent who issued the notification of noncompliance or notice of denial of certification, the applicant for certification must include a copy of the notification of noncompliance or notice of denial of certification and a description of the actions taken, with supporting documentation, to correct the noncompliances noted in the notification of noncompliance.

- F. A certifying agent who receives a new application for certification, which includes a notification of noncompliance or notice of denial of certification, must treat the application as a new application and begin a new application process pursuant to § 205.402.
- G. Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this section, if a certifying agent has reason to believe that an applicant for certification has willfully made a false statement or otherwise purposefully misrepresented the applicant's operation or its compliance with the certification requirement pursuant to this part, the certifying agent may deny certification pursuant to paragraph (c)(1)(ii) of this section without first issuing a notification of noncompliance.

**§ 205.406 Continuation of certification.**

- A. To continue certification, a certified operation must annually pay the certification fees and submit the following information, as applicable, to the certifying agent:
  - 1. An updated organic production or handling system plan which includes:
    - i. A summary statement, supported by documentation, detailing any deviations from, changes to, modifications to, or other amendments made to the previous year's organic system plan during the previous year; and
    - ii. Any additions or deletions to the previous year's organic system plan, intended to be undertaken in the coming year, detailed pursuant to § 205.200;
  - 2. Any additions to or deletions from the information required pursuant to § 205.401(b);
  - 3. An update on the corrections of minor noncompliances previously identified by the certifying agent as requiring correction for continued certification; and
  - 4. Other information as deemed necessary by the certifying agent to determine compliance with the Act and the regulations in this part.

- B. Following the receipt of the information specified in paragraph (a) of this section, the certifying agent shall within a reasonable time arrange and conduct an on-site inspection of the certified operation pursuant to § 205.403: Except, That, when it is impossible for the certifying agent to conduct the annual on-site inspection following receipt of the certified operation's annual update of information, the certifying agent may allow continuation of certification and issue a certificate of organic operation on the basis of the information submitted and the most recent on-site inspection conducted within the previous 12 months: Provided, That, the annual on-site inspection, required pursuant to § 205.403, is conducted within the first 6 months following the certified operation's scheduled date of annual update.
- C. If the certifying agent has reason to believe, based on the on-site inspection and a review of the information specified in § 205.404, that a certified operation is not complying with the requirements of the Act and the regulations in this part, the certifying agent shall provide a written notification of noncompliance to the operation in accordance with § 205.662.
- D. If the certifying agent determines that the certified operation is complying with the Act and the regulations in this part and that any of the information specified on the certificate of organic operation has changed, the certifying agent must issue an updated certificate of organic operation pursuant to § 205.404(b).

## **C. Production and Handling Requirements**

These requirements for organic production and handling come directly from the National Organic Program (NOP) as of April 2006. For up-to-date requirements, visit the NOP online, at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/NOP/standards/ProdHandReg.html>.

### **§ 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 the applicable provisions of this subpart. Production practices implemented in accordance with this subpart must maintain or improve the natural resources of the operation, including soil and water quality.

### **§ 205.201 Organic production and handling system plan.**

- A. The producer or handler of a production or handling operation, except as exempt or excluded under § 205.101, intending to sell, label, or represent agricultural products as "100 percent organic," "organic," or "made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))" must develop an organic production or handling system plan that is agreed to by the producer or handler and an accredited certifying agent. An organic system plan must meet the requirements set forth in this section for organic production or handling. An organic production or handling system plan must include:
1. A description of practices and procedures to be performed and maintained, including the frequency with which they will be performed;
  2. A list of each substance to be used as a production or handling input, indicating its composition, source, location(s) where it will be used, and documentation of commercial availability, as applicable;
  3. A description of the monitoring practices and procedures to be performed and maintained, including the frequency with which they will be performed, to verify that the plan is effectively implemented;
  4. A description of the recordkeeping system implemented to comply with the requirements established in § 205.103;
  5. A description of the management practices and physical barriers established to prevent commingling of organic and nonorganic products on a split operation and to prevent contact of organic production and handling operations and products with prohibited substances; and

6. Additional information deemed necessary by the certifying agent to evaluate compliance with the regulations.
- B. A producer may substitute a plan prepared to meet the requirements of another Federal, State, or local government regulatory program for the organic system plan: Provided, That, the submitted plan meets all the requirements of this subpart.

**§ 205.202 Land Requirements.**

Any field or farm parcel from which harvested crops are intended to be sold, labeled, or represented as "organic," must:

- A. Have been managed in accordance with the provisions of §§ 205.203 through 205.206;
- B. Have had no prohibited substances, as listed in § 205.105, applied to it for a period of 3 years immediately preceding harvest of the crop; and
- C. Have distinct, defined boundaries and buffer zones such as runoff diversions to prevent the unintended application of a prohibited substance to the crop or contact with a prohibited substance applied to adjoining land that is not under organic management.

**§ 205.203 Soil fertility and crop nutrient management practice standard.**

- A. The producer must select and implement tillage and cultivation practices that maintain or improve the physical, chemical, and biological condition of soil and minimize soil erosion.
- B. The producer must manage crop nutrients and soil fertility through rotations, cover crops, and the application of plant and animal materials.
- C. The producer must manage plant and animal materials to maintain or improve soil organic matter content in a manner that does not contribute to contamination of crops, soil, or water by plant nutrients, pathogenic organisms, heavy metals, or residues of prohibited substances. Animal and plant materials include:
  1. Raw animal manure, which must be composted unless it is:
    - i. Applied to land used for a crop not intended for human consumption;
    - ii. Incorporated into the soil not less than 120 days prior to the harvest of a product whose edible portion has direct contact with the soil surface or soil particles; or

- iii. Incorporated into the soil not less than 90 days prior to the harvest of a product whose edible portion does not have direct contact with the soil surface or soil particles;
  - 2. Composted plant and animal materials produced through a process that
    - i. established an initial C:N ratio of between 25:1 and 40:1; and
    - ii. maintained a temperature of between 131 F and 170 F for 3 days using an in-vessel or static aerated pile system; or
    - iii. maintained a temperature of between 131F and 170F for 15 days using a windrow composting system, during which period, the materials must be turned a minimum of five times.
  - 3. Uncomposted plant materials.
- D. A producer may manage crop nutrients and soil fertility to maintain or improve soil organic matter content in a manner that does not contribute to contamination of crops, soil, or water by plant nutrients, pathogenic organisms, heavy metals, or residues of prohibited substances by applying:
  - 1. A crop nutrient or soil amendment included on the National List of synthetic substances allowed for use in organic crop production;
  - 2. A mined substance of low solubility;
  - 3. A mined substance of high solubility, Provided, That, the substance is used in compliance with the conditions established on the National List of nonsynthetic materials prohibited for crop production;
  - 4. Ash obtained from the burning of a plant or animal material, except as prohibited in paragraph (e) of this section: Provided, That, the material burned has not been treated or combined with a prohibited substance or the ash is not included on the National List of nonsynthetic substances prohibited for use in organic crop production; and
  - 5. A plant or animal material that has been chemically altered by a manufacturing process: Provided, That, the material is included on the National List of synthetic substances allowed for use in organic crop production established in § 205.601.
- E. The producer must not use:

1. Any fertilizer or composted plant and animal material that contains a synthetic substance not included on the National List of synthetic substances allowed for use in organic crop production;
2. Sewage sludge (biosolids) as defined in 40 CFR Part 503; and
3. Burning as a means of disposal for crop residues produced on the operation: Except, That, burning may be used to suppress the spread of disease or to stimulate seed germination.

**§ 205.204 Seed and planting stock practice standard.**

- A. The producer must use organically grown seeds, annual seedlings, and planting stock: Except, That,
  1. Nonorganically produced, untreated seeds and planting stock may be used to produce an organic crop when an equivalent organically produced variety is not commercially available, Except, That, organically produced seed must be used for the production of edible sprouts;
  2. Nonorganically produced seeds and planting stock that have been treated with a substance included on the National List of synthetic substances allowed for use in organic crop production may be used to produce an organic crop when an equivalent organically produced or untreated variety is not commercially available;
  3. Nonorganically produced annual seedlings may be used to produce an organic crop when a temporary variance has been granted in accordance with § 205.290(a)(2);
  4. Nonorganically produced planting stock to be used to produce a perennial crop may be sold, labeled, or represented as organically produced only after the planting stock has been maintained under a system of organic management for a period of no less than 1 year; and
  5. Seeds, annual seedlings, and planting stock treated with prohibited substances may be used to produce an organic crop when the application of the materials is a requirement of Federal or State phytosanitary regulations.

**§ 205.205 Crop rotation practice standard.**

The producer must implement a crop rotation including but not limited to sod, cover crops, green manure crops, and catch crops that provide the following functions that are applicable to the operation:

- A. Maintain or improve soil organic matter content;



- B. Provide for pest management in annual and perennial crops;
- C. Manage deficient or excess plant nutrients; and
- D. Provide erosion control.

**§ 205.206 Crop pest, weed, and disease management practice standard.**

- A. The producer must use management practices to prevent crop pests, weeds, and diseases including but not limited to:
  - 1. Crop rotation and soil and crop nutrient management practices, as provided for in §§ 205.203 and 205.205;
  - 2. Sanitation measures to remove disease vectors, weed seeds, and habitat for pest organisms; and
  - 3. Cultural practices that enhance crop health, including selection of plant species and varieties with regard to suitability to site-specific conditions and resistance to prevalent pests, weeds, and diseases.
  - 4. Pest problems may be controlled through mechanical or physical methods including but not limited to:
- B. Pest problems may be controlled through mechanical or physical methods including but not limited to:
  - 1. Augmentation or introduction of predators or parasites of the pest species;
  - 2. Development of habitat for natural enemies of pests;
  - 3. Nonsynthetic controls such as lures, traps, and repellents.
- C. Weed problems may be controlled through:
  - 1. Mulching with fully biodegradable materials;
  - 2. Mowing;
  - 3. Livestock grazing;
  - 4. Hand weeding and mechanical cultivation;
  - 5. Flame, heat, or electrical means; or

6. Plastic or other synthetic mulches: Provided, That, they are removed from the field at the end of the growing or harvest season.
- D. Disease problems may be controlled through:
1. Management practices which suppress the spread of disease organisms; or
  2. Application of nonsynthetic biological, botanical, or mineral inputs.
- E. When the practices provided for in paragraphs (a) through (d) of this section are insufficient to prevent or control crop pests, weeds, and diseases, a biological or botanical substance or a substance included on the National List of synthetic substances allowed for use in organic crop production may be applied to prevent, suppress, or control pests, weeds, or diseases: Provided, That, the conditions for using the substance are documented in the organic system plan.
- F. The producer must not use lumber treated with arsenate or other prohibited materials for new installations or replacement purposes in contact with soil or livestock.

**§ 205.207 Wild-crop harvesting practice standard.**

- A. A wild crop that is intended to be sold, labeled, or represented as organic must be harvested from a designated area that has had no prohibited substance, as set forth in § 205.105, applied to it for a period of 3 years immediately preceding the harvest of the wild crop.
- B. A wild crop must be harvested in a manner that ensures that such harvesting or gathering will not be destructive to the environment and will sustain the growth and production of the wild crop.

**§ 205.236 Origin of livestock.**

- A. Livestock products that are to be sold, labeled, or represented as organic must be from livestock under continuous organic management from the last third of gestation or hatching: Except, That,
  1. Poultry. Poultry or edible poultry products must be from poultry that has been under continuous organic management beginning no later than the second day of life;
  2. Dairy animals. Milk or milk products must be from animals that have been under continuous organic management beginning no later than 1 year prior to the production of the milk or milk products that are to be sold, labeled, or represented as organic, Except, That, when an entire, distinct herd is converted to organic production, the producer may:

- i. For the first 9 months of the year, provide a minimum of 80-percent feed that is either organic or raised from land included in the organic system plan and managed in compliance with organic crop requirements; and
  - ii. provide feed in compliance with § 205.237 for the final 3 months.
  - iii. Once an entire, distinct herd has been converted to organic production, all dairy animals shall be under organic management from the last third of gestation.
3. Breeder stock. Livestock used as breeder stock may be brought from a nonorganic operation onto an organic operation at any time: Provided, That, if such livestock are gestating and the offspring are to be raised as organic livestock, the breeder stock must be brought onto the facility no later than the last third of gestation.

B. The following are prohibited:

- 1. Livestock or edible livestock products that are removed from an organic operation and subsequently managed on a nonorganic operation may be not sold, labeled, or represented as organically produced.
- 2. Breeder or dairy stock that has not been under continuous organic management since the last third of gestation may not be sold, labeled, or represented as organic slaughter stock.
- 3. The producer of an organic livestock operation must maintain records sufficient to preserve the identity of all organically managed animals and edible and nonedible animal products produced on the operation.

**§ 205.237 Livestock feed.**

- A. The producer of an organic livestock operation must provide livestock with a total feed ration composed of agricultural products, including pasture and forage, that are organically produced and, if applicable, organically handled: Except, That, nonsynthetic substances and synthetic substances allowed under § 205.603 may be used as feed additives and supplements.
- B. The producer of an organic operation must not:
  - 1. Use animal drugs, including hormones, to promote growth;

2. Provide feed supplements or additives in amounts above those needed for adequate nutrition and health maintenance for the species at its specific stage of life;
3. Feed plastic pellets for roughage;
4. Feed formulas containing urea or manure;
5. Feed mammalian or poultry slaughter by-products to mammals or poultry; or
6. Use feed, feed additives, and feed supplements in violation of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

**§ 205.238 Livestock health care practice standard.**

- A. The producer must establish and maintain preventive livestock health care practices, including:
  1. Selection of species and types of livestock with regard to suitability for site-specific conditions and resistance to prevalent diseases and parasites;
  2. Provision of a feed ration sufficient to meet nutritional requirements, including vitamins, minerals, protein and/or amino acids, fatty acids, energy sources, and fiber (ruminants);
  3. Establishment of appropriate housing, pasture conditions, and sanitation practices to minimize the occurrence and spread of diseases and parasites;
  4. Provision of conditions which allow for exercise, freedom of movement, and reduction of stress appropriate to the species;
  5. Performance of physical alterations as needed to promote the animal's welfare and in a manner that minimizes pain and stress; and
  6. Administration of vaccines and other veterinary biologics.
- B. When preventive practices and veterinary biologics are inadequate to prevent sickness, a producer may administer synthetic medications: Provided, That, such medications are allowed under § 205.603. Parasiticides allowed under § 205.603 may be used on
  1. Breeder stock, when used prior to the last third of gestation but not during lactation for progeny that are to be sold, labeled, or represented as organically produced; and

2. Dairy stock, when used a minimum of 90 days prior to the production of milk or milk products that are to be sold, labeled, or represented as organic.
- C. The producer of an organic livestock operation must not:
1. Sell, label, or represent as organic any animal or edible product derived from any animal treated with antibiotics, any substance that contains a synthetic substance not allowed under § 205.603, or any substance that contains a nonsynthetic substance prohibited in § 205.604.
  2. Administer any animal drug, other than vaccinations, in the absence of illness
  3. Administer hormones for growth promotion;
  4. Administer synthetic parasiticides on a routine basis;
  5. Administer synthetic parasiticides to slaughter stock;
  6. Administer animal drugs in violation of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; or
  7. Withhold medical treatment from a sick animal in an effort to preserve its organic status. All appropriate medications must be used to restore an animal to health when methods acceptable to organic production fail. Livestock treated with a prohibited substance must be clearly identified and shall not be sold, labeled, or represented as organically produced.

**§ 205.239 Livestock living conditions.**

- A. The producer of an organic livestock operation must establish and maintain livestock living conditions which accommodate the health and natural behavior of animals, including:
1. Access to the outdoors, shade, shelter, exercise areas, fresh air, and direct sunlight suitable to the species, its stage of production, the climate, and the environment;
  2. Access to pasture for ruminants;
  3. Appropriate clean, dry bedding. If the bedding is typically consumed by the animal species, it must comply with the feed requirements of § 205.237;
  4. Shelter designed to allow for:
    - i. Natural maintenance, comfort behaviors, and opportunity to exercise;

- ii. Temperature level, ventilation, and air circulation suitable to the species;  
and
  - iii. Reduction of potential for livestock injury;
- B. The producer of an organic livestock operation may provide temporary confinement for an animal because of:
  - 1. Inclement weather;
  - 2. The animal's stage of production;
  - 3. Conditions under which the health, safety, or well being of the animal could be jeopardized; or
  - 4. Risk to soil or water quality.
- C. The producer of an organic livestock operation must manage manure in a manner that does not contribute to contamination of crops, soil, or water by plant nutrients, heavy metals, or pathogenic organisms and optimizes recycling of nutrients.

**§ 205.270 Organic handling requirements.**

- A. Mechanical or biological methods, including but not limited to cooking, baking, curing, heating, drying, mixing, grinding, churning, separating, distilling, extracting, slaughtering, cutting, fermenting, eviscerating, preserving, dehydrating, freezing, chilling, or otherwise manufacturing, and the packaging, canning, jarring, or otherwise enclosing food in a container may be used to process an organically produced agricultural product for the purpose of retarding spoilage or otherwise preparing the agricultural product for market.
- B. Nonagricultural substances allowed under § 205.605 and nonorganically produced agricultural products allowed under § 205.606 may be used:
  - 1. In or on a processed agricultural product intended to be sold, labeled, or represented as "organic," pursuant to § 205.301(b), if not commercially available in organic form.
  - 2. In or on a processed agricultural product intended to be sold, labeled, or represented as "made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))," pursuant to § 205.301(c).
- C. The handler of an organic handling operation must not use in or on agricultural products intended to be sold, labeled, or represented as "100 percent organic,"

"organic," or "made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))," or in or on any ingredients labeled as organic:

1. Practices prohibited under paragraphs (e) and (f) of § 205.105.
2. A volatile synthetic solvent or other synthetic processing aid not allowed under § 205.605, Except, That, nonorganic ingredients in products labeled "made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))" are not subject to this requirement.

**§ 205.271 Facility pest management practice standard.**

- A. The producer or handler of an organic facility must use management practices to prevent pests, including but not limited to:
  1. Removal of pest habitat, food sources, and breeding areas;
  2. Prevention of access to handling facilities; and
  3. Management of environmental factors, such as temperature, light, humidity, atmosphere, and air circulation, to prevent pest reproduction.
- B. Pests may be controlled through:
  1. Mechanical or physical controls including but not limited to traps, light, or sound; or
  2. Lures and repellents using nonsynthetic or synthetic substances consistent with the National List.
- C. If the practices provided for in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section are not effective to prevent or control pests, a nonsynthetic or synthetic substance consistent with the National List may be applied.
- D. If the practices provided for in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this section are not effective to prevent or control facility pests, a synthetic substance not on the National List may be applied, Provided, That, the handler and certifying agent agree on the substance, method of application, and measures to be taken to prevent contact of the organically produced products or ingredients with the substance used.
- E. The handler of an organic handling operation who applies a nonsynthetic or synthetic substance to prevent or control pests must update the operation's organic handling plan to reflect the use of such substances and methods of application. The updated organic plan must include a list of all measures taken to prevent

contact of the organically produced products or ingredients with the substance used.

- F. Notwithstanding the practices provided for in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d) of this section, a handler may otherwise use substances to prevent or control pests as required by Federal, State, or local laws and regulations, Provided, that, measures are taken to prevent contact of the organically produced products or ingredients with the substance used.

**§ 205.272 Commingling and contact with prohibited substance prevention practice standard.**

- A. The handler of an organic handling operation must implement measures necessary to prevent the commingling of organic and nonorganic products and protect organic products from contact with prohibited substances.
- B. The following are prohibited for use in the handling of any organically produced agricultural product or ingredient labeled in accordance with subpart D of this part:
  - 1. Packaging materials, and storage containers, or bins that contain a synthetic fungicide, preservative, or fumigant;
  - 2. The use or reuse of any bag or container that has been in contact with any substance in such a manner as to compromise the organic integrity of any organically produced product or ingredient placed in those containers, unless such reusable bag or container has been thoroughly cleaned and poses no risk of contact of the organically produced product or ingredient with the substance used.

**§ 205.290 Temporary variances.**

- A. Temporary variances from the requirements in §§ 205.203 through 205.207, 205.236 through 205.239, and 205.270 through 205.272 may be established by the Administrator for the following reasons:
  - 1. Natural disasters declared by the Secretary;
  - 2. Damage caused by drought, wind, flood, excessive moisture, hail, tornado, earthquake, fire, or other business interruption; and
  - 3. Practices used for the purpose of conducting research or trials of techniques, varieties, or ingredients used in organic production or handling.
- B. A State organic program's governing State official or certifying agent may recommend in writing to the Administrator that a temporary variance from a



standard set forth in subpart C of this part for organic production or handling operations be established: Provided, That, such variance is based on one or more of the reasons listed in paragraph (a) of this section.

- C. The Administrator will provide written notification to certifying agents upon establishment of a temporary variance applicable to the certifying agent's certified production or handling operations and specify the period of time it shall remain in effect, subject to extension as the Administrator deems necessary.
- D. A certifying agent, upon notification from the Administrator of the establishment of a temporary variance, must notify each production or handling operation it certifies to which the temporary variance applies.
- E. Temporary variances will not be granted for any practice, material, or procedure prohibited under § 205.105.

## **D. National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances**

This list of allowable substances comes directly from the National Organic Program (NOP) as of April 2006. For online access of most up-to-date lists visit:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/NOP/standards/ListReg.html>

### **§ 205.600 Evaluation criteria for allowed and prohibited substances, methods, and ingredients.**

The following criteria will be utilized in the evaluation of substances or ingredients for the organic production and handling sections of the National List:

- A. Synthetic and nonsynthetic substances considered for inclusion on or deletion from the National List of allowed and prohibited substances will be evaluated using the criteria specified in the Act (7 U.S.C. 6517 and 6518).
- B. In addition to the criteria set forth in the Act, any synthetic substance used as a processing aid or adjuvant will be evaluated against the following criteria:
  - 1. The substance cannot be produced from a natural source and there are no organic substitutes;
  - 2. The substance's manufacture, use and disposal do not have adverse effect on the environment and are done in a manner compatible with organic handling;
  - 3. The nutritional quality of the food is maintained when the substance is used and the substance, itself, or its breakdown products do not have an adverse effect on human health as defined by applicable Federal regulations;
  - 4. The substance's primary use is not as a preservative or to recreate or improve flavors, colors, textures, or nutritive value lost during processing, except where the replacement of nutrients is required by law;
  - 5. The substance is listed as generally recognized as safe (GRAS) by Food and Drug Administration (FDA) when used in accordance with FDA's good manufacturing practices (GMP) and contains no residues of heavy metals or other contaminants in excess of tolerances set by FDA; and
  - 6. The substance is essential for the handling of organically produced agricultural products.
- C. Nonsynthetic used in organic processing will be evaluated using the criteria specified in the Act (7 U.S.C. 6517 and 6518).

### **§ 205.601 Synthetic substances allowed for use in organic crop production.**

In accordance with restrictions specified in this section, the following synthetic substances may be used in organic crop production: Provided, That, use of such substances do not contribute to contamination of crops, soil, or water. Substances allowed by this section, except disinfectants and sanitizers in paragraph (a) and those substances in paragraphs (c), (j), (k), and (l) of this section, may only be used when the provisions set forth in § 205.206 (a) through (d) prove insufficient to prevent or control the target pest.

- A. As algicide, disinfectants, and sanitizer, including irrigation system cleaning systems.
  - 1. Alcohols
    - i. Ethanol
    - ii. Isopropanol
  - 2. Chlorine materials—Except, That, residual chlorine levels in the water shall not exceed the maximum residual disinfectant limit under the Safe Drinking Water Act.
    - i. Calcium hypochlorite
    - ii. Chlorine dioxide
    - iii. Sodium hypochlorite
  - 3. Copper sulfate—for use as an algicide in aquatic rice systems, is limited to one application per field during any 24-month period. Application rates are limited to those which do not increase baseline soil test values for copper over a timeframe agreed upon by the producer and accredited certifying agent.
  - 4. Hydrogen peroxide.
  - 5. Ozone gas—for use as an irrigation system cleaner only.
  - 6. Peracetic acid—for the use in disinfecting equipment, seed, and asexually propagated planting material.
- B. As herbicides, weed barriers, as applicable.
  - 1. Herbicides, soap-based—for use in farmstead maintenance (roadways, ditches, right of ways, building perimeters) and ornamental crops.

2. Mulches

- i. Newspaper or other recycled paper, without glossy or colored inks
- ii. Plastic mulch and covers (petroleum-based other than polyvinyl chloride (PVC)).

C. As compost feedstocks.

1. Newspapers or other recycled paper, without glossy or colored inks.

D. As animal repellents

1. Soaps, ammonium—for use as a large animal repellent only, no contact with soil or edible portion of crop

E. As insecticides (including acaricides or mite control).

1. Ammonium carbonate—for use as bait in insect traps only, no direct contact with crop or soil.
2. Boric acid—structural pest control, no direct contact with organic food or crops.
3. Copper sulfate—for use as tadpole shrimp control in aquatic rice production, is limited to one application per field during any 24-month period. Application rates are limited to levels which do not increase baseline soil test values for copper over a timeframe agreed upon by the producer and accredited certifying agent.
4. Elemental sulfur.
  - i. Lime sulfur—including calcium polysulfide.
5. Oils, horticultural—narrow range oils as dormant, suffocating, and summer oils.
6. Soaps, insecticidal.
7. Sticky traps/ barriers.

F. As insect management. Pheromones.

G. As rodenticides.

1. Sulfur dioxide—underground rodent control only (smoke bombs).

2. Vitamin D3.

H. As slug or snail bait—None.

I. As plant disease control.

1. Coppers, fixed—copper hydroxide, copper oxide, copper oxychloride, includes products exempted from EPA tolerance, Provided, That, copper-based materials must be used in a manner that minimizes accumulation in the soil and shall not be used as herbicides.
2. Copper sulfate—Substance must be used in a manner that minimizes accumulation of copper in the soil.
3. Hydrated lime.
4. Hydrogen peroxide.
5. Lime sulfur.
6. Oils, horticultural, narrow range oils as dormant, suffocating, and summer oils.
7. Peracetic acid—for use to control fire blight bacteria.
8. Potassium bicarbonate.
9. Elemental sulfur.
10. Streptomycin, for fire blight control in apples and pears only.
11. Tetracycline (oxytetracycline calcium complex), for fire blight control only.

J. As plant or soil amendments.

1. Aquatic plant extracts (other than hydrolyzed)—Extraction process is limited to the use of potassium hydroxide or sodium hydroxide; solvent amount used is limited to that amount necessary for extraction.
2. Elemental sulfur.
3. Humic acids—naturally occurring deposits, water and alkali extracts only.
4. Lignin sulfonate—chelating agent, dust suppressant, floatation agent.

5. Magnesium sulfate—allowed with a documented soil deficiency
  6. Micronutrients—not to be used as defoliant, herbicide or desiccant. Those made from nitrates or chlorides are not allowed. Soil deficiency must be documented by testing.
    - i. Soluble boron products.
    - ii. Sulfates, carbonates, oxides, or silicates of zinc, copper, iron, manganese, molybdenum, selenium and cobalt.
  7. Liquid fish products—can be pH adjusted with sulfuric, citric or phosphoric acid. The amount of acid used shall not exceed the minimum needed to lower the pH to 3.5.
  8. Vitamins, B1, C and E.
- K. As plant growth regulators. Ethylene gas—for regulation of pineapple flowering.
- L. As floating agents in postharvest handling.
1. Lignin sulfonate.
  2. Sodium silicate—for tree fruit and fiber processing.
- M. As synthetic inert ingredients as classified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), for use with nonsynthetic substances or synthetic substances listed in this section and used as an active pesticide ingredient in accordance with any limitations on the use of such substances.
1. EPA List 4—Inerts of Minimal Concerns
  2. EPA List 3—Inerts of unknown toxicity—for use only in passive pheromone dispensers.

**§ 205.602 Nonsynthetic substances prohibited for use in organic crop production.**

The following nonsynthetic substances may not be used in organic crop production:

- A. Ash from manure burning.
- B. Arsenic.
- C. Calcium chloride, brine process is natural and prohibited for use except as a foliar spray to treat a physiological disorder associated with calcium uptake.

- D. Lead salts.
- E. Potassium chloride—unless derived from a mined source and applied in a manner that minimizes chloride accumulation in the soil.
- F. Sodium fluoaluminate (mined).
- G. Sodium nitrate—unless use is restricted to no more than 20% of the crop’s total nitrogen requirement; use in spirulina production was unrestricted until October 21, 2005.
- H. Strychnine.
- I. Tobacco dust (nicotine sulfates).

**§ 205.603 Synthetic substances allowed for use in organic livestock production.**

In accordance with restrictions specified in this section the following synthetic substances may be used in organic livestock production:

- A. As disinfectants, sanitizer, and medical treatments as applicable.
  - 1. Alcohols
    - i. Ethanol—disinfectant and sanitizer only, prohibited as a feed additive.
    - ii. Isopropanol—disinfectant only.
  - 2. Aspirin—approved for health care use to reduce inflammation.
  - 3. Biologics—Vaccines
  - 4. Chlorhexidine—Allowed for surgical procedures conducted by a veterinarian. Allowed for use as a teat dip when alternative germicidal agents and/or physical barriers have lost their effectiveness.
  - 5. Chlorine materials—disinfecting and sanitizing facilities and equipment. Residual chlorine levels in the water shall not exceed the maximum residual disinfectant limit under the Safe Drinking Water Act.
    - i. Calcium hypochlorite.
    - ii. Chlorine dioxide.

iii. Sodium hypochlorite.

6. Electrolytes—without antibiotics.
7. Glucose.
8. Glycerine—Allowed as a livestock teat dip, must be produced through the hydrolysis of fats or oils.
9. Hydrogen peroxide.
10. Iodine.
11. Magnesium sulfate.
12. Oxytocin—use in postparturition therapeutic applications.
13. Paraciticides. Ivermectin—prohibited in slaughter stock, allowed in emergency treatment for dairy and breeder stock when organic system plan-approved preventive management does not prevent infestation. Milk or milk products from a treated animal cannot be labeled as provided for in subpart D of this part for 90 days following treatment. In breeder stock, treatment cannot occur during the last third of gestation if the progeny will be sold as organic and must not be used during the lactation period for breeding stock.
14. Phosphoric acid—allowed as equipment cleaner. Provided, That, no direct contact with organically managed livestock or land occurs.

B. As topical treatment, external parasiticide or local anesthetic as applicable.

1. Copper sulfate.
2. Iodine.
3. Lidocaine—as a local anesthetic. Use requires a withdrawal period of 90 days after administering to livestock intended for slaughter and 7 days after administering to dairy animals.
4. Lime, hydrated—as an external pest control, not permitted to cauterized physical alterations or deodorize animal wastes.
5. Mineral oil—for topical use and as a lubricant.



6. Procaine—as a local anesthetic, use requires a withdrawal period of 90 days after administering to livestock intended for slaughter and 7 days after administering to dairy animals.
- C. As feed supplements—milk replacers without antibiotic, as emergency use only, no nonmilk products or products from BST treated animals.
- D. As feed additives.
1. DL-Methionine, DL-Methionine—hydroxy analog, and DL-Methionine—hydroxyl analog calcium (CAS#-59-51-8; 63-68-3; 348-67-4)—for use only in organic poultry production until October 1, 2008.
  2. Trace minerals, used for enrichment or fortification when FDA approved.
  3. Vitamins, used for enrichment or fortification when FDA approved.
- E. As synthetic inert ingredients as classified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), for use with nonsynthetic substances or a synthetic substances listed in this section and used as an active pesticide ingredient in accordance with any limitations on the use of such substances.
1. EPA List 4—Inerts of Minimal Concern.

**§ 205.604 Nonsynthetic substances prohibited for use in organic livestock production.**

The following nonsynthetic substances may not be used in organic livestock production:

- A. Strychnine.

**§ 205.605 Nonagricultural (nonorganic) substances allowed as ingredients in or on processed products labeled as “organic” or “made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s)).”**

The following nonagricultural substances may be used as ingredients in or on processed products labeled as “organic” or “made with organic (specified ingredients or food groups(s))” only in accordance with any restrictions specified in this section.

- A. Nonsynthetics allowed:

- Acids (Alginic; Citric—produced by microbial fermentation of carbohydrate substances; and Lactic).
- Agar-agar.

- Animal enzymes—(Rennet—animal derived; Catalase-bovine liver; Animal lipase; Pancreatin; Pepsin; and Trypsin).
- Bentonite.
- Calcium carbonate.
- Calcium chloride.
- Calcium sulfate—mined.
- Carageenan.
- Colors, nonsynthetic sources only.
- Dairy cultures.
- Diatomaceous earth—food filtering aid only.
- Enzymes—must be derived from edible, nontoxic plants, nonpathogenic fungi, or nonpathogenic bacteria).
- Flavors, nonsynthetic sources only and must not be produced using synthetic solvents and carrier systems or any artificial preservative.
- Glucono delta-lactone—production by the oxidation of D-glucose with bromine water is prohibited.
- Kaolin.
- Magnesium sulfate, nonsynthetic sources only.
- Nitrogen—oil-free grades.
- Oxygen—oil-free grades.
- Perlite—for use only as a filter aid in food processing.
- Potassium chloride.
- Potassium iodide.
- Sodium bicarbonate.
- Sodium carbonate.

- Tartaric acid.
- Waxes—nonsynthetic (Carnauba wax; and Wood resin).
- Yeast—nonsynthetic, growth on petrochemical substrate and sulfite waste liquor is prohibited (Autolysate; Bakers; Brewers; Nutritional; and Smoked—nonsynthetic smoke flavoring process must be documented).

B. Synthetics allowed:

- Alginates.
- Ammonium bicarbonate—for use only as a leavening agent.
- Ammonium carbonate—for use only as a leavening agent.
- Ascorbic acid.
- Calcium citrate.
- Calcium hydroxide.
- Calcium phosphates (monobasic, dibasic and tribasic).
- Carbon dioxide.
- Cellulose—for use in regenerative casings, as an anti-caking agent (non-chlorine bleached) and filtering aid.
- Chlorine materials—disinfecting and sanitizing food contact surfaces, Except, That, residual chlorine levels in the water shall not exceed the maximum residual disinfectant limit under the Safe Drinking Water Act (Calcium hypochlorite; Chlorine dioxide; and Sodium hypochlorite).
- Ethylene—allowed for postharvest ripening of tropical fruit and degreening of citrus.
- Ferrous sulfate—for iron enrichment or fortification of foods when required by regulation or recommended (independent organization).
- Glycerides (mono and di)—for use only in drum drying of food.
- Glycerin—produced by hydrolysis of fats and oils.
- Hydrogen peroxide.

- Lecithin—bleached.
- Magnesium carbonate—for use only in agricultural products labeled “made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s)),” prohibited in agricultural products labeled “organic.”
- Magnesium chloride—derived from sea water.
- Magnesium stearate—for use only in agricultural products labeled “made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s)),” prohibited in agricultural products labeled “organic.”
- Nutrient vitamins and minerals, in accordance with 21 CFR 104.20, Nutritional Quality Guidelines for Foods.
- Ozone.
- Pectin (low-methoxy).
- Phosphoric acid—cleaning of food-contact surfaces and equipment only.
- Potassium acid tartrate.
- Potassium tartrate made from tartaric acid.
- Potassium carbonate.
- Potassium citrate.
- Potassium hydroxide—prohibited for use in lye peeling of fruits and vegetables except when used for peeling peaches during the Individually Quick Frozen (IQF) production process.
- Potassium iodide—for use only in agricultural products labeled “made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))” prohibited in agricultural products labeled “organic.”
- Potassium phosphate—for use only in agricultural products labeled “made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s)),” prohibited in agricultural products labeled “organic.”
- Silicon dioxide.
- Sodium citrate.

- Sodium hydroxide—prohibited for use in lye peeling of fruits and vegetables.
- Sodium phosphates—for use only in dairy foods.
- Sodium dioxide—for use only in wine labeled “made with organic grapes,” Provided, That, total sulfite concentration does not exceed 100 ppm.
- Tartaric acid.
- Tocopherols— derived from vegetable oil when rosemary extracts are not a suitable alternative.
- Xanthan gum.

**§ 205.606 Nonorganically produced agricultural products allowed as ingredients in or on processed products labeled as “organic.”**

Only the following nonorganically produced agricultural products may be used as ingredients in or on processed products labeled as "organic," only in accordance with any restrictions specified in this section, and only when the product is not commercially available in organic form.

- A. Cornstarch (native).
- B. Gums—water extracted only (arabic, guar, locust bean, carob bean).
- C. Kelp—for use only as a thickener and dietary supplement.
- D. Lecithin—unbleached.
- E. Pectin (high-methoxy).

**§ 205.607 Amending the National List.**

(a) Any person may petition the National Organic Standard Board for the purpose of having a substance evaluated by the Board for recommendation to the Secretary for inclusion on or deletion from the National List in accordance with the Act.

(b) A person petitioning for amendment of the National List should request a copy of the petition procedures from the USDA at the address in § 205.607(c).

(c) A petition to amend the National List must be submitted to: Program Manager, USDA/AMS/TMP/NOP, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 4008-So., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250.

## **E. Labeling and Marketing**

These requirements for organic labeling and marketing come directly from the National Organic Program (NOP) as of April 2006. For up to date requirements visit the NOP online at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/NOP/NOPhome.html>.

The Organic Foods Production Act and the National Organic Program (NOP) are intended to assure consumers that the organic foods they purchase are produced, processed, and certified to consistent national organic standards. The labeling requirements of the new program apply to raw, fresh products and processed foods that contain organic ingredients. Food that are sold, labeled, or represented as organic will have to be produced and processed in accordance with the NOP standards.

Except for operations whose gross agricultural income from organic sales totals \$5,000 or less, farm and processing operations that grow and process organic foods must be certified by USDA-accredited certifying agents. A certified operation may label its products or ingredients as organic and may use the “USDA Organic” seal.

Labeling requirements are based on the percentage of organic ingredients in a product.

### **Foods labeled “100 percent organic” and “organic”**

Products labeled as “100 percent organic” must contain (excluding water and salt) only organically produced ingredients.

Products labeled “organic” must consist of at least 95 percent organically produced ingredients (excluding water and salt). Any remaining product ingredients must consist of nonagricultural substances approved on the National List or non-organically produced agricultural products that are not commercially available in organic form.

Products meeting the requirements for “100 percent organic” and “organic” may display these terms and the percentage of organic content on their principal display panel.

The USDA seal and the seal or mark of involved certifying agents may appear on product packages and in advertisements.

Foods labeled “100 percent organic” and “organic” cannot be produced using excluded methods, sewage sludge, or ionizing radiation.

### **Processed products labeled “made with organic ingredients”**

Processed products that contain at least 70 percent organic ingredients can use the phrase “made with organic ingredients” and list up to three of the organic ingredients or food groups on the principal display panel. For example, soup made with at least 70 percent organic ingredients and only organic vegetables may be labeled either “soup made with organic peas, potatoes, and carrots,” or “soup made with organic vegetables.”

Processed products labeled “made with organic ingredients” cannot be produced using excluded methods, sewage sludge, or ionizing radiation.

The percentage of organic content and the certifying agent seal or mark may be used on the principal display panel. However, the USDA seal cannot be used anywhere on the package.

### **Processed products that contain less than 70 percent organic ingredients**

These products cannot use the term organic anywhere on the principal display panel. However, they may identify the specific ingredients that are organically produced on the ingredients statement on the information panel.

### **Other labeling provisions**

Any product labeled as organic must identify each organically produced ingredient in the ingredients statement on the information panel.

The name and address of the certifying agent of the final product must be displayed on the information panel.

There are no restrictions in this final rule on use of other truthful labeling claims such as “no drugs or growth hormones used,” “free range,” or “sustainably harvested.”

### **Penalties for misuse of labels**

A civil penalty of up to \$10,000 can be levied on any person who knowingly sells or labels as organic a product that is not produced and handled in accordance with the National Organic Program’s regulations.

When the new regulations become effective, organic farmers and handlers will have 18 months to adjust their growing and processing operations and revise their product labels to conform to the new standards.



## **F. Organic Rules of Thumb**

All of these rules of thumb are simplified versions of the National Organic Program standards as of April 2006. Several sections come directly from the National Organic Program website. For up to date requirements visit the NOP online at:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/NOP/NOPhome.html>.

Agricultural operations affected by the standards:

- Any farm, wild crop, or handling operation that wants to sell an agricultural product as organically produced must adhere to the national organic standards.
- All operations that are required to become certified must develop an Organic Production and Handling System Plan.
  - Handling operations include processors and manufacturers of organic products.
  - Operations that sell less than \$5,000 a year in organic agricultural products are exempted from certification and preparing an organic system plan, but they must operate in compliance with these regulations and may label products as organic.
  - Retail food establishments that sell organically produced agricultural products do not need to be certified.

### Organic Production and Handling System Plan

- The producer or handler must develop an organic production or handling system plan that is agreed to by the producer or handler and accredited certifying agent. The plan must include:
  - Description of practices and procedures to be performed and maintained, including frequency.
  - A list of each substance to be used as an input indicating composition, source, location(s) of use and documentation of commercial availability.
  - A description of the monitoring practices and procedures to be performed and maintained, including frequency.
  - A description of the recordkeeping system implemented to comply with requirements in §205.103.
  - A description of the management practices and physical barriers established to prevent commingling of organic and nonorganic

productions on a split operation. Additional information deemed necessary by the certifying agent to evaluate compliance with regulations.

- Examples of these plans are available through ATTRA at <http://attra.ncat.org/attra-pub> or by calling 1-800-346-9140.

#### Land Requirements

- For organic certification, no prohibited substance can be applied for three years prior to certification.
- Organic certified land must have defined boundaries and buffer zones to prevent contamination of a prohibited substance.

#### Synthetic and Nonsynthetic Substances

- Natural or nonsynthetic substances are allowed in organic production and synthetic substances are prohibited. However, the NOP has created a list of allowed synthetic substances and prohibited natural or nonsynthetic substances (see page 41).

#### Additions of Animal and Plant Materials

- Raw manure (see page 29) can be applied to a crop not intended for human consumption. It must be incorporated into soil not less than (1) 120 days prior to harvest if it comes into contact with soil surface or (2) 90 days prior to harvest if it does not come into contact with soil surface.
- Composted plant and animal waste must (1) establish initial carbon: nitrogen ratio between 25:1 and 40:1; (2) maintain temperature between 131 °F and 170 °F for 3 days in a in-vessel or static aerated pile system; or maintain temperature between 131 °F and 170 °F for 15 days using a windrow composting system, turning the material at least five times. Once the plant or animal waste has met these requirements it is considered composted plant and animal waste rather than raw manure.
- Uncomposted plant material is allowed as a crop nutrient or soil amendment.

#### Crop Standards

- Land will have no prohibited substances applied to it for at least 3 years before the harvest of an organic crop. The use of genetic engineering, ionizing, radiation, and sewage sludge is prohibited.

- Soil fertility and crop nutrients will be managed through tillage and cultivation practices, crop rotations, and cover crops, supplemented with animal and crop waste materials and allowed synthetic materials.
- Preference is given to the use of organic seeds and other planting stock, but a farmer may use non-organic seed and planting stock under specific conditions (see page 30).
- Crop pests, weeds and diseases will be controlled primarily through management practices including physical, mechanical, and biological controls. When these practices are not sufficient, a biological or synthetic substance approved for use on the National List may be used.

#### Livestock standards

- Animals for slaughter must be raised under organic management the last third of gestation, or no later than the second day of life for poultry. Producers are required to feed livestock agricultural feed products that are 100 percent organic, but may also provide allowed vitamin and mineral supplements.
- Producers may convert an entire, distinct dairy herd to organic production by providing 80 percent organically produced feed for 9 months, followed by 3 months of 100 percent organically produced feed.
- Organically raised animals may not be given hormones to promote growth, or antibiotics, for any reason. Preventative management practices, including the use of vaccines, will be used to keep animals healthy. Producers are prohibited from withholding treatment from a sick or injured animal; however, animals treated with a prohibited medication may not be sold as organic.
- All organically raised animals must have access to the outdoors, including access to pasture for ruminants. They may be temporarily confined only for reasons of health, safety, the animal's stage of production, or to protect soil or water quality.

#### Handling standards

- All nonagricultural ingredients, whether synthetic or nonsynthetic, must be included on the National List of Allowed Synthetic and Prohibited Nonsynthetic Substances.
- Handlers must prevent commingling of organic with nonorganic products and protect organic products from contact with prohibited substances.
- In a processed product labeled as "organic," all agricultural ingredients must be organically produced, unless the ingredient(s) is not commercially available in organic form.

## II. Organic Certification

### A. Certification Agencies

Below is a list of NOP approved certification agencies that, as of April 2006, are approved by the Arkansas State Plant Board to certify within Arkansas. For a complete list of all NOP certification agencies visit:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/CertifyingAgents/Accredited.html>

Indiana Certified Organic

8364 SSR 39

Clayton, IN 46118

Contact: Cissy Bowman

317-539-4317

[cvof@iquest.net](mailto:cvof@iquest.net)

<http://members.iquest.net/~cvof/ico/>

*Scope: crop, livestock, wild crop, handling*

*Accredited: 4/29/02*

Organic Crop Improvement Association

6400 Cornhusker, Ste. 125

Lincoln, NE 68507

Contact: Jeff See

402-477-2323

[JSee@ocia.org](mailto:JSee@ocia.org)

[www.ocia.org](http://www.ocia.org)

*Scope: crop, livestock, wild crop, handling*

*Accredited: 4/29/02*

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture

2800 N. Lincoln Blvd.

Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Contact: Chad Goss

405-522-5898

[cbgoss@oda.state.ok.us](mailto:cbgoss@oda.state.ok.us)

*Scope: crop, livestock, handling*

*Accredited: 12/6/02*

Stellar Certification Services

P.O. Box 1390

Philomath, OR 97370

Contact: Jim Fullmer

541-929-7148

[demeter@peak.org](mailto:demeter@peak.org)

*Scope: crop, livestock, wild crop, handling*

*Accredited: 4/29/02*

Oregon Tilth

470 Lancaster Dr.,

Salem, OR 97301

Contact: Chris Schreiner

503-378-0690

[organic@tilth.org](mailto:organic@tilth.org)

[www.tilth.org](http://www.tilth.org)

*Scope: crop, livestock, wild crop, handling*

*Accredited: 4/29/02*

Quality Certified Services

P.O. Box 12311

Gainesville, FL 32604

Contact: Angela Caudle

352-377-0133

[qcs@qcsinfo.org](mailto:qcs@qcsinfo.org)

[www.QCSinfo.org](http://www.QCSinfo.org)

*Scope: crop, livestock, wild crop, handling*

*Accredited: 4/29/02*

## B. Organic Consultants

Ag Organics Inc.  
John Turner  
P.O. Box 429  
Gentry, AR 72734  
479-736-9977

Bio-Ag Consultants & Distributors  
710 South Columbia  
Plainview, Texas 79072  
800-363-5278  
[info@bio-ag.com](mailto:info@bio-ag.com)  
<http://www.bio-ag.com>  
*Livestock*

Regional Manager at Large  
3855 Wieuca Terrace  
Atlanta, GA 30342  
404-467-0243  
[wayne.davey@comcast.net](mailto:wayne.davey@comcast.net)

Food Solutions, Inc.  
Dr. Craig Bair  
P.O. Box 10184  
Greensboro, NC 27404  
336-851-0206  
[foodsolutionsinc@cs.com](mailto:foodsolutionsinc@cs.com)  
800-457-5013

Crossley Consulting  
Rod Crossley  
P.O. Box 729  
Montrose, CA 91021  
818-248-8323  
[rcrossley@worldnet.att.net](mailto:rcrossley@worldnet.att.net)

JCL Consulting  
Jim Lathers  
5807 W. 116<sup>th</sup> Place  
Westminster, CO 80020  
720-205-1832  
[jimlathers@msn.com](mailto:jimlathers@msn.com)

SuperGro of Iowa  
Keith Cuvelier  
1311 Circle Dr.  
Aplington, IA 50609  
319-347-6155

SeaBorn/Lane Inc.  
Warren Dunkel  
P.O. Box 204  
Charles City, IA 50616

### III. Resource Organizations

#### A. Policy and Government

Agricultural Network Information  
Center (AgNIC)

<http://www.agnic.org/agnic/index.html>

Alternative Farming Systems  
Information Center (AFSIC)

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic>

10301 Baltimore Ave., Room 132

Beltsville, MD 20705-2351

301-504-6559

[afsic@nal.usda.gov](mailto:afsic@nal.usda.gov)

Community Supported Agriculture  
USDA site

<http://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/csa>

National Agricultural Library

<http://www.nal.usda.gov>

National Direct Marketing Association

[www.the-dma.org](http://www.the-dma.org)

Natural Resource Conservation Service

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov>

Small Farms @ USDA

[www.usda.gov/oce/smallfarm/index.htm](http://www.usda.gov/oce/smallfarm/index.htm)

Southern SARE

<http://www.southernsare.uga.edu/>

Jeff Jordan

Program Director

1109 Experiment St.

Room 206, Stuckey Building

University of Georgia Agricultural  
Experiment Station

Griffin, GA 30223-1797

770-412-4787

Sustainable Agriculture Research and  
Education (SARE)

<http://www.sare.org>

10300 Baltimore Avenue

BARC West, Bldg. 046

Beltsville, MD 20705

USDA Agriculture Marketing Service  
(AMS)

<http://www.ams.usda.gov>

USDA Economic Research Service  
(ERS)—Organic Briefing Room

[www.ers.usda.gov/Briefing/Organic/](http://www.ers.usda.gov/Briefing/Organic/)

Catherine Greene (farming)

Carolyn Dimitri (marketing)

USDA National Agricultural Statistics  
Service (NASS)

[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Census\\_of\\_Agriculture/index.asp](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Census_of_Agriculture/index.asp)

USDA National Organic Program (NOP)

[www.ams.usda.gov/nop/indexIE.htm](http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/indexIE.htm)

Barbara Robinson

Room 4008-South Building

1400 Independence Avenue, SW

Washington, DC 20250-0020

202-720-3252

## B. State Agencies

State agents are directly linked with the National Organic Program. Agents are generally responsible for dispersing cost-share funds and have a general knowledge of marketing of organic products within the state. The list of agents below is limited to those in the southern states. For a complete list of state agents visit the NOP website at:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/StatePrograms/StateContacts.html>

### Alabama

AL Department of Ag & Industries  
7070 Alabama Highway 51  
Opelika, AL 36804  
334-242-5350

### Arizona

AZ Department of Agriculture  
1688 W. Adams, Room 124  
Phoenix, AZ 85007  
602-542-0958

### Arkansas

Tim Ellison  
Arkansas State Plant Board  
1 Natural Resources Drive  
Little Rock, AR 72205  
501-225-1598  
[Tim.Ellison@aspb.state.ar.us](mailto:Tim.Ellison@aspb.state.ar.us)

### Florida

FL Dept. of Ag. & Consumer Services  
Plaza Level 10—The Capitol  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0810  
850-488-3022  
<http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/>

### Georgia

GA Dept. of Agriculture  
224 Main Street  
Thomson, GA 30824  
706-595-3408

### Kansas

KS Dept of Agriculture  
109 SW 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Topeka, KS 66612  
785-296-4172  
<http://www.accesskansas.org/kda/>

### Kentucky

Director of Organic Certification and  
Promotions  
KY Dept of Agriculture  
100 Fair Oaks Lane, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
502-564-0290, ext 258

### Louisiana

LA Dept of Ag. & Forestry  
P.O. Box 3896  
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3596  
225-952-8047  
<http://www.ldaf.state.la.us/>

### Mississippi

MS Dept of Agriculture  
P.O. Box 5034  
Mississippi State, MS 39302  
601-483-3451

### Missouri

MO Dept. of Agriculture  
1616 Missouri Blvd  
P.O. Box 630  
Jefferson City, MO 65102  
573-522-9656

New Mexico  
NM Organic Commodity Commission  
4001 Indian School, NE, Suite 310  
Albuquerque, NM 87110  
505-841-9070

North Carolina  
1020 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1020  
919-733-7136

Oklahoma  
OK Dept. of Agriculture  
2800 N. Lincoln Blvd  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4298  
405-522-1060

South Carolina  
SC Dept of Agriculture  
Wade Hampton Office Building  
P.O. Box 11280  
Columbia, SC 29211  
803-734-2191

Tennessee  
TN Dept of Agriculture  
P.O. Box 40627  
Nashville, TN 37204  
615-837-5160

Texas  
TX Dept of Agriculture  
P.O. Box 12847  
Austin, TX 78711  
512-475-1641  
<http://www.agr.state.tx.us>

Virginia  
VA Dept of Ag & Consumer Services  
P.O. Box 1163  
Richmond, VA 23218  
804-786-0480  
<http://www.vdacs.state.va.us>

West Virginia  
WV Dept of Agriculture  
1900 Kanawha Blvd East  
Charleston, WV 25305  
304-558-2210



## C. University Programs & Websites

University programs and websites listed provide information about various disciplines within organic agriculture. All contact information is current as of April 2006.

### Arkansas

University of Arkansas Ecological  
Agriculture Program  
University of Arkansas  
316 Plant Sciences Building  
Fayetteville, AR 72701  
[www.uark.edu/ua/uaecoag/index.htm](http://www.uark.edu/ua/uaecoag/index.htm)

National Agricultural Law Center  
University of Arkansas Law School  
1 University of Arkansas  
Fayetteville, AR 72701  
479-575-7646  
NatAgLaw@uark.edu  
<http://www.nationalaglawcenter.org>

### California

Center for Agroecology & Sustainable  
Food Systems  
University of California Santa Cruz  
1156 High St.  
Santa Cruz, CA 95064  
<http://zzyx.ucsc.edu/casfs/>

Small Farm Center  
University of California Davis  
One Shields Avenue  
Davis, CA 95616  
530-752-8136  
[www.sfc.ucdavis.edu/default.asp?viewevents=1&monthview=8&year=2005](http://www.sfc.ucdavis.edu/default.asp?viewevents=1&monthview=8&year=2005)

Sustainable Agriculture Farming  
Systems (SAFS)  
University of California Davis  
Dept of Land, Air, and Water Resources  
One Shields Avenue  
Davis, CA 95616  
530-754-6497  
<http://safs.ucdavis.edu>

University of California SAREP  
Program  
University of California Davis  
One Shields Ave.  
Davis, CA 95616  
530-752-7556  
[sarep@ucdavis.edu](mailto:sarep@ucdavis.edu)  
<http://sarep.ucdavis.edu>

### Florida

University of Florida IFAS Extension  
[http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/TOPIC\\_Organic\\_Industry](http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/TOPIC_Organic_Industry)

### Illinois

Agroecology/Sustainable Ag Program  
University of Illinois  
W-503 Turner Hall  
1102 S. Goodwin  
Urbana, IL 61801  
217-333-1588  
[www.aces.uiuc.edu/~asap](http://www.aces.uiuc.edu/~asap)

### Indiana

Prudue University CES  
Cooperative Extension Service  
1140 AGAD Building  
West Lafayette, IN 47907  
1-888-EXT-INFO  
<http://www.ces.purdue.edu/sa/>

### Iowa

Leopold Center  
209 Curtiss Hall  
Iowa State University  
Ames, Iowa 50011-1050  
515-294-3711  
<http://www.leopold.iastate.edu>

Organic Agriculture Program  
Iowa State University  
106 Horticulture Hall  
Iowa State University  
Ames, IA 50011  
515-294-7069  
<http://extension.agron.iastate.edu/organic/>

**Kansas**  
Kansas State Center for Sustainable  
Agriculture & Alternative Crops  
3029 Throckmorton Hall  
Kansas State University  
Manhattan, KS 66506  
785-532-1440  
<http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/sustainableag/>

**Kentucky**  
Kentucky Leadership for Agricultural  
and Environmental Sustainability  
<http://www.uky.edu/Ag/KLAES/>

**Maine**  
University of Maine CES Sustainable  
Agriculture  
Sustainable Agriculture Office  
495 College Ave.  
Orono, ME 04473-1294  
Phone: (207) 581-2942  
[www.umext.maine.edu/topics/susag.htm](http://www.umext.maine.edu/topics/susag.htm)

**Minnesota**  
Minnesota Institute for Sustainable  
Agriculture  
University of Minnesota  
411 Borlaug Hall  
1991 Buford Circle  
St. Paul, MN 55108-1013  
612-625-8235  
1-800-909-6472  
<http://www.misa.umn.edu>

**Missouri**  
Missouri Alternative Center  
University of Missouri  
3 Whitten Hall  
Columbia, MO 65211  
<http://www.agebb.missouri.edu/mac/>

**Nebraska**  
Center for Applied Rural Innovation  
University of Nebraska Lincoln  
58 H.C. Filley Hall  
Lincoln, NE 68583-0947  
<http://cari.unl.edu>

**North Carolina**  
Center for Environmental Farming  
Systems  
Department of Horticultural Science  
224 Kilgore Hall  
Box 7609  
Raleigh, NC 27695-7609  
919-515-9447  
<http://www.cefs.ncsu.edu/>

Growing Small Farms  
P.O. Box 279  
Pittsboro, NC 27312  
919-542-8202  
[www.ces.ncsu.edu/chatham/ag/SustAg/](http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/chatham/ag/SustAg/)

**Ohio**  
Ohio Online  
The Ohio State University  
<http://extension.osu.edu/>

The Cyber-Farm  
The Ohio State University  
16714 State Route 215  
Caldwell, OH 43724  
<http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~farm/>

**Oregon**  
Oregon Small Farms  
Oregon State University  
Corvallis, OR 97331  
<http://smallfarms.oregonstate.edu>

**Pennsylvania**

Penn State Cooperative Extension  
Agricultural Alternatives

<http://agalternatives.aers.psu.edu>

Sustaining Pennsylvania Agriculture  
Sustaining PA Agriculture, Editor  
218 Buckhout Lab  
University Park, PA 16802  
814-863-7235

<http://susag.cas.psu.edu>

**Vermont**

Center for Sustainable Agriculture  
University of Vermont  
63 Carrigan Drive  
Burlington, VT 05405  
802-656-5459

[sustainable.agriculture@uvm.edu](mailto:sustainable.agriculture@uvm.edu)

<http://www.uvm.edu/~susagctr/>

**Washington**

Washington State University Tree Fruit  
Research

1100 N. Western Ave.  
Wenatchee, WA 98801  
509-663-8181

<http://organic.tfrec.wsu.edu/OrganicIFP/Home/Index.html>

**Wisconsin**

Center for Integrated Agricultural  
Systems

University of Wisconsin-Madison  
1535 Observatory Drive  
Madison, WI 53706  
608-262-5200

<http://www.cias.wisc.edu>

Healthy Farmers, Healthy Profits Project  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Biological Systems Engineering  
460 Henry Mall

Madison, WI 53706

<http://www.bse.wisc.edu/hfhp/>

**Wyoming**

University of Wyoming CES Sustainable  
Agriculture

University of Wyoming Dept 3354  
1000 E. University Ave  
Laramie, WY 82071  
307-766-5124

[http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/UWCES/Sustainable\\_ag.asp](http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/UWCES/Sustainable_ag.asp)

## D. National Organizations

Agricultural Marketing Resource Center  
(AgMRC)  
1111 NSRIC  
Iowa State University  
Ames, IA 500011  
866-277-5567  
[agmrc@iastate.edu](mailto:agmrc@iastate.edu)  
<http://www.agmrc.org>

ATTRA- National Sustainable  
Agriculture Information Service  
P.O. Box 3657  
Fayetteville, AR 72702  
800-346-9140  
<http://attra.org>

American Farmland Trust  
1200 18th Street NW  
Washington, D.C., 20036  
202-331-7300  
[info@farmland.org](mailto:info@farmland.org)  
<http://www.farmland.org>

American Grassfed Association  
10301 Baltimore Ave Rm 132  
Beltsville, MD 20705  
301-504-6559  
[afsic@nal.usda.gov](mailto:afsic@nal.usda.gov)  
<http://www.americangrassfed.org>

Center for Rural Affairs  
P.O. Box 136  
Lyons, NE 68038  
402-687-2100  
[info@cfra.org](mailto:info@cfra.org)  
<http://www.cfra.org>

Ecological Farming Association (EFA)  
406 Main St., Suite 313  
Watsonville, CA 95076  
831-763-2111  
[info@eco-farm.org](mailto:info@eco-farm.org)  
<http://www.eco-farm.org>

Kerr Center  
P.O. Box 588  
Poteau, OK 74953  
Phone: 918-647-9123  
[mailbox@kerrcenter.com](mailto:mailbox@kerrcenter.com)  
<http://www.kerrcenter.com>

Mid-West Organic and Sustainable  
Education Service (MOSES)  
P.O. Box 339, Spring Valley, WI 54767  
715-772-3153  
[info@mosesorganic.org](mailto:info@mosesorganic.org)  
<http://www.mosesorganic.org>

National Center for Appropriate  
Technology (NCAT)  
P.O. Box 3838  
Butte, MT 59702  
406-494-4572  
<http://www.ncat.org>

National Campaign for Sustainable  
Agriculture  
P.O. Box 396  
Pine Bush, NY 12566  
845-361-5201  
[campaign@sustainableagriculture.net](mailto:campaign@sustainableagriculture.net)  
<http://www.sustainableagriculture.net>

North American Farmers' Direct  
Marketing Association (NAFDMA)  
62 Whiteloaf Rd  
Southampton, MA 01073  
888-884-9270  
<http://www.nafdma.com>

Oregon Tilth  
470 Lancaster Dr. NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301  
503-378-0690  
<http://www.tilth.org>

Organic Crop Improvement Association  
(OCIA)  
6400 Cornhusker, Suite 125  
Lincoln, NE 68507  
404-477-2323  
[info@ocia.org](mailto:info@ocia.org)  
[www.ocia.org](http://www.ocia.org)

Organic Farming Research Foundation  
(OFRF)  
P.O. Box 440  
Santa Cruz, Ca 95061  
831-426-6606  
<http://www.ofrf.org>

Organic Grassfed Beef Coalition  
19323 Dogwood Ave  
Akron, IA 51001  
712-568-3433  
[www.organicgrassfedbeef.org](http://www.organicgrassfedbeef.org)

Organic Material Review Institute  
(OMRI)  
P.O. Box 11558  
Eugene, OR 97440  
541-343-7600  
[info@omri.org](mailto:info@omri.org)  
<http://www.omri.org>

Organic Trade Association  
P.O. Box 547  
Greenfield, MA 01302  
413-774-7511  
[info@ota.com](mailto:info@ota.com)  
<http://www.ota.com/index.html>

Rodale Institute  
610-683-1400 farm  
610-683-6009 bookstore  
[info@rodaleinst.org](mailto:info@rodaleinst.org)  
<http://www.rodaleinstitute.org>

Sustainable Agriculture Network (SAN)  
10300 Baltimore Ave  
Building 046- BARC West  
Beltsville, MD 20705  
301-504-6425  
[san@sare.org](mailto:san@sare.org)  
<http://www.sare.org>

The Organic Alliance  
400 Selby Ave, Suite T  
St. Paul, MN 55102  
[info@organic.org](mailto:info@organic.org)  
<http://www.organic.org>

The MacArthur Agro-ecology Research  
Center  
300 Buck Island Ranch Road  
Lake Placid, Florida 33852  
863-699-0242  
<http://www.archbold-station.org/abs/maerc/maerc.htm>

## E. Working Groups & Farmer Organizations

### American Pastured Poultry Producers

Assn  
P.O. Box 73  
Hartselle, AL 35640  
256-751-3925  
<http://apppa.org>

### Assn. of Specialty Cut Flower Growers

P.O. Box 268  
Oberlin, OH 44074  
440-774-2435  
<http://www.ascfg.org>

### Carolina Farm Stewardship Assn.

P.O. Box 448  
Pittsboro, NC 27312  
919-542-2402  
<http://www.carolinafarmstewards.org>

### Community Farm Alliance

614 Shelby Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
502-223-3655  
[www.communityfarmalliance.org/](http://www.communityfarmalliance.org/)

### Florida Organic Growers Assn (FOG)

P.O. Box 12311  
Gainesville, FL 32604  
<http://www.foginfo.org>

### Georgia Organics

P.O. Box 8924  
Atlanta, GA 31106  
770-993-5534  
<http://www.georgiaorganics.org>

### Michigan Organic Food & Farm Alliance

P.O. Box 36880  
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236  
810-659-8414  
[info@moffa.org](mailto:info@moffa.org)  
<http://www.moffa.org>

### Ohio Ecological Food & Farm Foundation

P.O. Box 82234  
Columbus OH 43202  
614-421-2022  
<http://www.oeffa.org>

### Practical Farmers of Iowa

P. O. Box 349  
Ames, Iowa 50010  
515-232-5661  
<http://www.practicalfarmers.org>

### Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group

P. O. Box 324  
Elkins, AR 72727  
479-587-0888  
<http://www.ssawg.org>

### Sustainable Food Center

1106 Clayton Lane, Suite 480 W  
Austin, TX 75723  
512-236-0074  
<http://www.sustainablefoodcenter.org>

### Texas Organic Farmers & Gardeners Assn

877-326-5175  
<http://www.tofga.org>

### Texas Organic Growers Assn

2280 Sand Hill Road  
Dale, TX, 78616  
877-326-5175  
[www.texasorganicgrowers.org](http://www.texasorganicgrowers.org)

### The Organic Consumers Association

6101 Cliff Estate Rd.  
Little Marais, MN 55614  
<http://OrganicConsumer.org>

## **F. International Organizations**

Canadian Organic Growers

<http://www.cog.ca>

Food and Agriculture Organization  
of the United Nations

<http://www.fao.org>

International Federation of Organic  
Agriculture Movements (IFOAM)

<http://www.ifoam.org>

Organic-Europe

[www.organic-europe.net](http://www.organic-europe.net)

## **G. Organic Grant Agencies**

### **USDA–SARE Producer Grants**

Purpose: Hopes to embrace the importance of on-farm, producer experience in developing solutions to production problems. Growers interested in conducting research or marketing projects related to sustainable agriculture.

Funding: Projects may be funded for two years for a maximum of \$10,000 for an individual producer or \$15,000 for a producer organization.

Applications: Due in November.

Information: <http://www.sare.org/grants/index.htm>

### **USDA–SARE On-Farm Research Grants**

Purpose: For on-farm and marketing projects that promote sustainable agriculture.

Projects should be innovative and generate results beyond one year and produce information that many farmers can use. Must be developed, coordinated, and led by Extension, NRCS and/or nongovernmental organization personnel who work with farmers/ranchers and who will conduct on-farm research with at least one farmer/rancher cooperator.

Funding: Project maximum is \$15,000.

Applications: Due in November.

Information: <http://www.sare.org/grants/index.htm>

### **USDA Rural Business—Cooperative Service Value-added Producer Grant Program**

Purpose: Makes funds available to help producers enter into value-added activities.

Funding: Project up to \$500,000.

Applications: Due in March.

Information: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/vadgstateoffice.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/vadgstateoffice.html)

### **Organic Farming Research Foundation (OFRF)**

Purpose: Funds research into organic farming and food systems and dissemination of research results to organic farmers and to growers interested in making the transition to organic production systems. Projects should involve farmers in both design and execution and take place on working organic farms whenever possible and appropriate.

Funding: Encourage modest proposals; average award is \$8,000 but not more than \$15,000.

Applications: Due in December.

Information: [www.ofrf.org](http://www.ofrf.org)

### **CSREES—Integrated Organic Program**

Purpose: To integrate research, education and extension activities in two program areas: (1) Organic Transitions Program and (2) Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative.

Funding: Variable.

Applications: Due in December.

Information: [www.csrees.usda.gov](http://www.csrees.usda.gov)



## IV. Supplier of Organic Products

### A. Fertilizers and Soil Inputs Suppliers

#### Arkansas

Nitron Industries, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1447  
Fayetteville, AR 72702  
800-835-0123  
[www.gardeniq.com](http://www.gardeniq.com)

*Composts/Manures/Guano/Blended Fertilizers, Hydroponic Fertilizer*

American Milling  
500 West Prairie Street  
Fayetteville, AR  
479-521-7140

Honey Crest Farm  
Lee Harris  
8868 Lee Lane  
Bentonville, AR 72712  
479-795-2113  
*4-2-2 poultry litter based fertilizer*

#### Oklahoma

Earthly Goods  
P.O. Box 4164  
Tulsa, OK 74159  
918-583-1990  
*Animal By-Products, Compost Inoculants and Bioactivators, Composts/Manures/Guano/Blended Fertilizers, Humates/Humic Acids, Marine Products, Micronutrients, Plant By-Products, Rock Minerals—Non-Phosphates, Rock Minerals—Phosphates*

#### Texas

AG ORG, Inc.  
2476 Bolsover, #357  
Houston, TX 77005  
713-523-4396  
888-246-7416  
<http://www.ag-org.com>

*Composts/Manures/Guano/Blended Fertilizers, Microbial Inoculants, Micronutrients*

Garden-Ville  
7561 E Evans Road  
14040 Nacogdoches #314  
San Antonio, TX 78266  
210-657-6115  
<http://www.garden-ville.com>  
*Compost Inoculants and Bioactivators, Composts/Manures/ Guano/Blended Fertilizers, Humates/Humic Acids, Marine Products, Microbial Inoculants, Micronutrients, Rock Minerals—Phosphates*

GreenSense Fertilizers  
1651 Wall Street  
Garland, TX 75041  
972-864-1934  
<http://www.beorganic.com>  
*Animal By-Products, Composts/Manures/Guano/Blended Fertilizers, Humates/Humic Acids, Marine Products, Mycorrhizal Inoculants, Plant By-Products, Rock Minerals—Phosphates, Worms for Vermicompost*

Maestro-Gro  
P.O. Box 427  
Hamilton, TX 76531  
254-796-4001  
*Composts/Manures/Guano/Blended Fertilizers, Microbial Inoculants, Micronutrients*

Micro-Organics International Division  
of Houston Tropicare, Inc.  
P.O. Box 2505  
Spring, TX 77383-2505

281-363-3330  
281-367-1166  
<http://www.microorganics.com>  
*Compost Inoculants and Bioactivators,  
Marine Products, Microbial Inoculants,  
Micronutrients*

Triganic Organic Minerals  
519 Estelle Drive  
Rockdale, TX 76567  
512-446-3244  
<http://www.triganic.com>  
*Compost Inoculants and Bioactivators,  
Composts/Manures/Guano/Blended  
Fertilizers, Humates/Humic Acids,  
Hydroponic Fertilizer, Micronutrients,  
Rock Minerals— Non-Phosphates, Rock  
Minerals— Phosphates*

**Mississippi**  
Agreaux Organics  
P.O. Box 30  
800 Ferguson Mill Road  
Monticello, MS 39654  
601-587-0027  
8773-78-5407  
<http://www.agreauxorganics.com>  
*Composts/Manures/Guano/Blended  
Fertilizers*

Agrigulf Inc.  
52 Cable Bridge Road  
Perkinston, MS 39573  
601-928-5837  
<http://www.agrigulf.com>  
*Marine Products*

N-Viro Products, Inc.  
Ferguson Mill Rd  
P.O. Box 30  
Monticello, MS 39654  
601-587-0027  
*Pelletized organic fertilizer in 6-2-4, 5-  
2-4, 2-10-10, 3.5-3.5-3.5*

**Missouri**  
Agri-Gro Marketing, Inc.  
HC 4, Box 333  
Doniphan, MO 63935  
573-996-7384  
800-881-8801  
<http://www.agrigro.com>  
*Compost Inoculants and Bioactivators,  
Marine Products, Microbial Inoculants,  
Micronutrients*

American Pasturage, Inc.  
P.O. Box 190  
Marionville, MO 65705  
417-258-2394  
<http://www.americanpasturage.com>  
*Marine products*

Mid-States Supply, Inc.  
1716 Guinette Avenue  
Kansas City, MO 64120  
816-842-4290  
<http://www.midcoonline.com>  
*Composts/Manures/Guano/Blended  
Fertilizers, Cover Crop Seeds,  
Humates/Humic Acids, Marine  
Products, Micronutrients, Rock  
Minerals, Phosphates*

Peak Minerals-Azomite, Inc.  
P.O. Box 6588  
Branson, MO 65615-6588  
417-334-8500  
877-296-6483  
<http://www.AZOMITE.com>  
*Rock Minerals—Non-Phosphates*

Plant Right  
Route 2 Box 264  
Farm Road 2115  
Purdy, MO 65734  
417-442-3757  
*Composts/Manures/Guano/Blended  
Fertilizers*

Universal Agriculture Products, Inc.  
1775 Cedar Ridge Way  
Reeds Spring, MO 65737  
417-336-6666  
800-336-6681  
<http://www.universalagri.com>  
*Composts/Manures/Guano/Blended  
Fertilizers*

**West**

Peaceful Valley Farm Supply  
110 Spring Hill Dr  
Grass Valley, CA 95945  
530-272-4769  
*Provides free catalog-- soil amendments  
Greensand, rock phosphate, Sul-Po-  
Mag, fish, blood and bone meals, kelp  
and seaweed*

Vita Products  
P.O. Box 565  
Chandler, AZ 84244  
800-874-1452  
[www.vitaproducts.com](http://www.vitaproducts.com)  
*Post harvest care of fresh cut flowers,  
fertilizers*

**Northeast**

Woods End Research Laboratory  
Old Rome Rd. Rt 2 Box 1850  
Mt. Vernon, ME 04352  
207-293-2457  
*Compost testing kit*

## **B. Equipment Suppliers**

### **Arkansas**

Ewing  
7324 Cock of the Walk Ln  
N. Little Rock, AR 72213  
501-758-9530  
*Irrigation supplies*

Ewing  
3902 Kelley Ave, Ste. B  
Springdale, AR 72762  
470-927-9530  
*Irrigation supplies*

### **Oklahoma**

Ewing  
10708 East 61st Street  
Tulsa, OK 74133  
918-252-3857  
*Irrigation supplies*

Ewing  
11059 S. Memorial Drive  
Tulsa, OK 74133  
918-369-9530  
*Irrigation supplies*

### **Texas**

Ewing  
1020 Neville Court  
Mesquite, TX 75150  
972-329-9530  
*Irrigation supplies*

Ewing  
1309 Capital Ave.  
Plano, TX 75074  
972-633-9530  
*Irrigation supplies*

### **Mississippi**

BWI Companies, Inc.  
6013 N. McRaven Rd  
P.O. Box 20407  
Jackson, MS 39289  
800-395-2580  
*Greenhouse and nursery equipment,  
trays, pots, flats, cells, potting media,  
irrigation supplies and misters*

### **Missouri**

Hummert International  
4500 Earth City Expressway  
Earth City, MO 53045  
314-505-4500  
[www.hummert.com](http://www.hummert.com)  
*Greenhouse frames, greenhouse plastic,  
field and greenhouse equipment, drip  
irrigation, bedding plant plastics and  
containers*

BWI Companies, Inc.  
3136 S. Clifton  
Springfield, MO 65807  
800-247-4954  
*Greenhouse and nursery equipment,  
trays, pots, flats, cells, potting media,  
irrigation supplies and misters*

### **West**

Peaceful Valley Farm Supply  
110 Spring Hill Dr  
Grass Valley, CA 95945  
*Provides free catalog—organic farming  
supplies*

### **Midwest & Plains**

LaCrescent Orchard Supply  
P.O. Box 143 Hwy 14 & 61  
LaCrescent, MN 55947  
*Orchard equipment*

## C. Pest Management Suppliers

### Arkansas

Nitron Industries  
P.O. Box 1447  
4605 Johnson Road,  
Fayetteville, AR 72702  
800-835-0123  
[www.gardeniq.com](http://www.gardeniq.com)  
*Beneficials*

### Texas

Biofac, Inc.  
P.O. Box 87  
Mathis, TX 78368  
800-233-4914  
[info@biofac.com](mailto:info@biofac.com)  
<http://www.biofac.com>  
*Beneficials*

### West

Peaceful Valley Farm Supply  
110 Spring Hill Dr  
Grass Valley, CA 95945  
530-272-4769  
*Provides free catalog—pest controls*  
  
“Suppliers of Beneficial Organisms in  
North America”  
CA EPA, Dept of Pesticide Regulation  
1020 N. Street, Rm 161  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
*Lists commercial suppliers of biological  
control organisms*

### Midwest & Plains

LaCrescent Orchard Supply  
PO Box 143 Hwy 14 & 61  
LaCrescent, MN 55947  
*Dipel DF in bulk*

Gemplers  
800-769-9225  
P.O. Box 44993  
Madison, WI 53744  
[corpsales@gemplers.com](mailto:corpsales@gemplers.com)  
[www.gemplers.com](http://www.gemplers.com)  
*Insect controls including beneficials &  
pheromone traps*

Midwest Biological Controls News  
Department of Entomology  
1630 Linden Drive  
University of Wisconsin  
Madison, WI 53706  
608-262-9914  
*A monthly newsletter providing current  
information on the use of beneficial  
organisms for controlling insects and  
mites, plant pathogens and weed pests.  
Subscriptions are \$12 per year.*

Insecto-Better Crops, Inc.  
1710 200<sup>th</sup> st.  
West Chester, IA 52359  
800-628-6742  
*Dry powder for insect control in bins  
and buildings. For use on livestock.*

## D. Seed Suppliers

### Arkansas

Temple Products, LLC  
Mark Davis  
P.O. Box 89  
McGhee, AR 71654  
870-222-4022  
[davismddurk@aol.com](mailto:davismddurk@aol.com)

### Southeast

Southern Exposure Seed Exchange  
P.O. Box 460  
Mineral, VA 23117  
540-894-9481  
[www.southernexposure.com](http://www.southernexposure.com)  
*Organic heirloom and open-pollinated  
vegetable, herb, and flower seeds,  
peanut seeds and garlic*

Genesis Seeds, Ltd.  
800 S. Ocean Blvd #LPH4  
Boca Raton, FL 33432  
561-391-8467  
[www.genesisseeds.com](http://www.genesisseeds.com)  
*Organic vegetables, flowers & herbs*

### West

Natural Gardening Company  
P.O. Box 75077  
Petaluma, CA 94975  
707-766-9747  
[www.naturalgardening.com](http://www.naturalgardening.com)  
*Organic vegetable, herb and flower  
seeds*

Pyras Seeds  
2320 Thompson Hwy #H  
Santa Maria, CA 93455  
[www.charleysfarm.com](http://www.charleysfarm.com)  
*30 varieties of organic gourmet garlic*

Environmental Seed Producers  
P.O. Box 2709  
Lompoc, CA 93438  
805-735-8888  
[www.espseeds.com](http://www.espseeds.com)  
*Organic herb & flowers only*

TomatoFest  
Box W-1  
Carmel, CA 93921  
831-625-6041  
[www.tomatofest.com](http://www.tomatofest.com)  
*Over 500 varieties of organic heirloom  
tomatoes*

Peaceful Valley Farm Supply  
110 Spring Hill Drive  
Grass Valley, CA 95945  
530-272-4769  
[www.groworganic.com](http://www.groworganic.com)  
*Organic vegetables, fruits, herbs,  
bareroot fruits & ornamentals, flower  
bulbs, root stocks and mushroom kits*

Filaree Farm  
182 Conconully Hwy  
Okanogan, WA 98840  
509-422-6940  
*450 strains of garlic from all over the  
world.*

Horizon Herbs  
P.O. Box 69  
Williams, OR 97544  
541-846-6704  
[www.horizonherbs.com](http://www.horizonherbs.com)  
*Organic medicinal herbs seeds and  
plants*

Seeds Trust  
4150 B. Black Oak Dr.  
Hailey, ID 83333  
208-788-4363  
[www.seedstrust.com](http://www.seedstrust.com)  
*Organic herbs, grass, vegetable and  
wildflower seeds.*

**Midwest & Plains**  
Chesmore Seeds Co.  
P.O. Box 8368  
St. Joseph, MO 64508  
[www.localharvest.org](http://www.localharvest.org)  
*Organic herbs, vegetables, grains,  
flowers, fruits, ornamentals and  
bulbs/tubers.*

Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds  
2278 Baker Creek Road  
Mansfield, MO 65704  
417-924-8917  
[www.rareseeds.com](http://www.rareseeds.com)  
*Heirloom vegetable seeds*

Lakeview Farm  
44200 Hwy BB  
Middletown, MO 63359  
573-549-2231  
*Cover crop seeds, soybeans, corn, oats  
and sunflower seeds*

NC+ Organics  
P.O. Box 4739  
Lincoln, NE 68504  
800-279-7999  
[organics@nc-plus.com](mailto:organics@nc-plus.com)  
*corn, soybean, alfalfa and clover*

**Northeast**  
Landis Valley Museum  
2451 Kissel Hill Rd  
Lancaster, PA 17601  
717-569-0401  
*200+ varieties of heirloom vegetables,  
herbs, flowers & field crops*

Heirloom Seeds  
P.O. Box 245  
W. Elizabeth, PA 15088  
412-384-0852  
[www.heirloomseeds.com](http://www.heirloomseeds.com)  
*Heirloom vegetable, flower and herb  
seeds*

Pepper Joe's, Inc.  
7 Tyburn Court  
Timonium, MD 21093  
410-628-0507  
[joe@pepperjoe.com](mailto:joe@pepperjoe.com)

## **E. Animal Feed Suppliers**

### **Arkansas**

NOP- List of Organic Feed and Grain  
Producers & Handlers

[www.ams.usda.gov/nop/ProdHandlers/FeedProducers.html](http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/ProdHandlers/FeedProducers.html)

Lakeside Feed  
7704 Hwy 412  
Huntsville, AR 72740  
479-738-5145  
*Livestock and poultry*

### **Texas**

Bio-Ag  
710 South Columbia  
Plainview, Texas 79072  
800-363-5278  
<http://www.bio-ag.com>  
*Feed Supplements, Probiotics, Premixes*

Doug Hewett  
Corsicana, TX  
254-578-1316  
*Coastal Bermuda and Clover/Rye and  
Clover/Bermuda and Johnsongrass hay  
mostly mixed*

Judy Glazer  
McKinney, TX  
214-361-7902  
*Native grass/Johnsongrass hay, inquire  
on corn and soybean*

Chris Grotegut  
Hereford, TX  
806-258-7565  
*Organic wheat and corn*

Leon Langley  
Beaumont, TX  
409-284-0104  
*Organic soybeans, sorghum, rice bran*

God Sent Organic Farm  
Howard Terrell  
Klondike, TX  
214-243-9156  
*Native grass/Johnsongrass hay*

Jimmy Wedel  
Muleshoe, TX  
806-946-7011  
*Organic peanut hay, organic alfalfa hay*

Glen Maricek  
Midkiff, TX  
432-5352351  
*Organic haygrazer and wheat hay*

Stephenville Hay Lot  
Stephenville, TX  
254-968-6434  
*Many different types of organic hay*

### **Missouri**

Ozark Mountain Acres  
3996 Holmes Rd  
Cabool, MO 65689  
417-962-4183

### **Southeast**

Blount Feeds  
P.O. Box 550  
Hwy 64 E. Alt.  
Bethel, NC 27812  
252-825-4491  
*Grains and feeds for livestock and  
poultry*

Countryside Natural Products  
1688 Jefferson Hwy  
Fishersville, VA 22939  
540-932-8534  
<http://www.countrysidenatural.com>  
*Poultry rations; On-site nutritionist,  
custom mixing*



## **F. Veterinary Suppliers**

Crystal Creek, Inc.  
N9466 Lakeside Road  
Trego, WI 54888  
888-376-6777

[www.crystalcreeknatural.com](http://www.crystalcreeknatural.com)

*Animal health products, consulting,  
free catalogue, full of information*

## **V. Marketing**

Businesses within the marketing section are listed alphabetically by city within each state/regional section.

### **A. Brokers & Buyers**

#### **Texas**

Arrowhead Mills  
110 S. Lawton  
Hereford, TX 79045  
806-364-8242  
*Grains, beans, cereals, flour, seed, nuts*

#### **Midwest & Plains**

Heartland Mills  
Rt. 1 Box 2  
Marienthal, KS 67863  
316-379-4472  
*Oats, rye, spring wheat*

Grain Place Foods  
1904 N Hwy 14  
Marquette, NE 68854  
402-854-3195  
*Grains*

Ag Finder  
10730 Pacific Street, Suite 12  
Omaha, NE 68114  
402-391-1023  
*Corn, soybeans, dry edibles*

The Scoular Company  
2027 Dodge Street  
Omaha, NE 68192  
800-488-3500

## **B. Cooperatives/ Health Food Stores**

### **Arkansas**

Naturally Grown

<http://www.plantboard.org/>

*Arkansas State Plant Board website  
providing free listings of Arkansas  
businesses for u-pick, fresh produce, etc.*

Mark of Health

701 W. Trimble Ave

Berryville, AR 72616

870-423-2116

Natural Way

511 Oak St

Conway, AR 72032

501-327-4040

Ozark Country Market

538 W. Van Buren

Eureka Springs, AR 72632

479-253-8136

Ozark Cooperative Warehouse

P.O. Box 1528

Fayetteville, AR 72702

479-521-4920

[www.ozark.coop](http://www.ozark.coop)

Ozark Natural Foods Coop

1554 N. College Ave

Fayetteville, AR 72703

479-521-7558

<http://www.ozarknaturalfoods.com>

Summer Corn Foods

1410 Cato Springs Rd

Fayetteville, AR 72701

[info@summercorn.com](mailto:info@summercorn.com)

<http://www.summercorn.com>

Almond Tree Store

126 N Willow St

Harrison, AR 72601

5870-741-8980

My-Health-Store

4876 Oxford Dr.

Harrison, AR 72601

877-634-1339

<http://www.my-health-store.com>

Sulfur Creek Exchange

2310 Pinewood Dr

Heber Springs, AR 72543

501-362-2961

[sulfurcreekcoop@msn.com](mailto:sulfurcreekcoop@msn.com)

Good Earth Natural Foods

234 Cornerstone Blvd.

Hot Springs, AR 71913

501-520-4551

Cove Creek Exchange

421 Main Street

Leslie, AR 72645

870-447-2724

[covecreekexchange@yahoo.com](mailto:covecreekexchange@yahoo.com)

Natural Way

2508 S Olive St

Pine Bluff, AR 71601

870-534-5335

Roger's Natural

310 N 13<sup>th</sup> St

Rogers, AR 72756

479-636-7331

### **Louisiana**

Sunshine Health Foods

532 Benton Rd

Bossier City, LA 71111

318-746-9788

<http://www.sunshinehf.com>

Sunshine Health Foods  
5751 Youree Drive  
Shreveport, LA 71105  
318-219-4080  
<http://www.sunshinehf.com>

### **Mississippi**

Herb Shop  
5490 Castlewoods Ct Ste C  
Brandon, MS 39047  
601-992-6859

Rainbow Whole Foods Coop  
2807 Old Canton Rd  
Jackson, MS 39216  
601-366-1602  
<http://www.rainbowcoop.org>

### **Missouri**

Grains of Hope  
211 Marshall Lane  
Anderson, MO 64831  
417-436-2603  
<http://heartofhome.net/co-op/>

Jeans Heathway  
133 South Jefferson  
Ava, MO 65608  
417-683-3026

New Life Natural Food Store  
451 S Springfield Ave # B  
Bolivar, MO 65613  
417-326-5701

Nature's Sunshine Health Foods  
1129 W 76 Country Blvd  
Branson, MO 65616  
417-335-4372

Sunshine Market Natural Foods  
208 West 1st St  
Mountain View, MO 65548  
417-934-6956

Country Cupboard Health Food  
2202 N. Grant  
Springfield, MO 65807  
417-865-7350

Parkcrest Health Food & Herb  
3853 S Campbell Ave  
Springfield, MO 65807  
417-889-9595

### **Oklahoma**

Billie's Health Food Ctr  
313 S Osage Ave  
Bartlesville, OK 74003  
918-336-8609

Second Street Bakery  
118 E 2nd St  
Bartlesville, OK 74003  
918-336-2253

Guthrie Whole Foods  
109 N Division St  
Guthrie, OK 73044  
405-282-4606

Naturally Yours  
Mannford, OK 74044  
<http://www.naturallyyours.4t.com>

Oklahoma Food Coop  
1524 NW 21<sup>st</sup>  
Oklahoma City, OK 73106  
405-613-4688  
<http://www.oklahomafood.coop/>

Akin's Natural Food Market  
7807 E 51st St  
Tulsa, OK 74145  
918-664-2136

Herb Shop  
7737 E 21st St  
Tulsa, OK 74129  
918-664-4372

Naturalfarms  
420 S. Utica  
Tulsa, OK 74104  
918-583-5354  
<http://www.naturalfarms.com>

Organic Tulsa  
3524 s. Peoria  
Tulsa, OK 74105  
918-742-9595  
<http://organictulsa.com>

**Tennessee**  
Harvest Time Natural Foods  
Route 1 Box 401 B  
Lobelville, TN 37097  
931 593-8835

Honeysuckle Health Foods  
734 Mount Moriah Rd #100  
Memphis, TN 38117  
901-682-6255

Square Foods Natural Market  
2094 Madison Avenue  
Memphis, TN 38104  
901-728-4371  
<http://www.squarefoods.com>

**Texas**  
Cornerstone Wellness Ctr  
826 N Crowley Rd  
Crowley, TX 76036  
817-226-4372

YourHealthSource.org  
852 Woodcrest Drive  
Hurst, TX 76053  
888-280-0494

Keller Texas Produce Coop  
1401 Briar Meadow Dr  
Keller, TX 76248  
817-284-2433

Serendipity Herb Shoppe  
5024 Bryn Mawr Dr  
McKinney, TX 75070  
972-548-7225

Real Foods for Health  
2521 Mollimar Dr  
Plano, TX 75075  
972-484-2206

## **C. Organic Retailers & Distributors**

### **Oklahoma**

Fleming Companies Inc  
6301 Waterford  
Oklahoma City, OK 73126  
405-841-8396

### **Texas**

Carr's Specialty Foods  
3409 Greybuck Rd  
Austin, TX 78748

Texas Health Distributors  
501 Waller St.  
Austin, TX 78702  
512-473-2173

American Produce Co.  
4721 Simonton  
Dallas, TX 75244  
214-233-5750

New Perspectives  
2343 University Blvd.  
Houston, TX 77023

Stoller, Inc  
8582 Katy Frwy.  
Suite 200  
Houston, TX 77024

HEB Produce Procurement  
P. O. Box 18020  
4710 N. Pan Am Expressway  
San Antonio, TX 78218  
512-662-5351

Big State Food Service  
Joe Mendez- organic buyer  
1500 S. Zarzamora St. Unit 418  
San Antonio, TX 78207  
512-226-1221

## D. Arkansas Farmers Markets

Clark County Farmers Market  
First Methodist Church parking lot  
Arkadelphia, AR 71923  
870-246-2281  
*May-September*  
*Tuesday & Saturday*  
*7:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.*

Benton Farmers Market  
Market Street Football Field parking lot  
Benton, AR 72015  
501-315-8272  
*May-September*  
*Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday*  
*9:00 a.m.–noon*

Bentonville Farmers Market  
Bentonville Square  
Bentonville, AR 72712  
479-271-3795  
*April- November*  
*Saturday*  
*7:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.*

Berryville Farmers Market  
Downtown Square  
Berryville, AR 72616  
870-545-3120  
*Tuesday 3:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.*  
*Saturday 7:00 a.m.–noon*  
*WIC approved*

Ouachita County Farmers Market  
1150 Washington  
Camden, AR 71701  
*Monday, Wednesday & Saturday*  
*7:00 a.m.–noon*

Clarksville Farmers Market  
West Main Street  
Clarksville, AR 72830  
501-754-2340  
*Year round*  
*Everyday*

Faulkner County Farmers Market  
Fairgrounds/1501 Robins  
Conway, AR 72032  
501-679-2220  
*May-September*  
*Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday*  
*6:00 a.m.–noon*  
*WIC approved*

Cotter Farmers Market  
Cotter Spring Park  
Cotter, AR 72635  
870-435-6524  
*May-September*  
*Friday 6:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.*

Ashley County Farmers Market  
Highway 82  
Crossett, AR 71635  
Crossett Chamber of Commerce  
870-364-6591  
*Open-air/Seasonal*  
*Monday & Saturday*

Arkansas County Farmers Market  
Hwy 130 & 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
DeWitt, AR 72042  
870-282-3384  
*May-September*  
*Monday, Wednesday & Friday*  
*7:00 a.m.–noon*  
*WIC approved*

Eureka Springs Farmers Market  
Pine Mountain Village Hwy 62  
Eureka Springs, AR 72632  
479-253-5749  
*April-November*  
*Tuesday & Thursday*  
*7:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.*

Fayetteville Farmers Market  
Fayetteville, AR 72702  
*April-November*

*Downtown Square*  
*Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday*  
*7:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.*  
*Mill District market*  
*Thursday 4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.*  
*WIC approved*

Forrest City Farmers Market  
Civic Center/224 N. Rosser St.  
Forrest City, AR 72336  
*Thursday & Saturday*  
*7:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.*  
*WIC approved*

Brunswick Place Farmers Market  
115 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Fort Smith, AR 72901  
501-785-4651 *Year round*  
*Wednesday & Saturday*  
*7:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.*

Gentry Main Street Market  
W. Main Street  
Gentry, AR 72734  
479-721-2798  
*May-October*  
*Wednesday 5:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.*  
*Saturday 8:00 a.m.–noon*

Boone County Farmers Market  
Main Street  
Harrison, AR 72602  
870-743-4760  
*June-October*  
*Tuesday & Saturday*  
*7:00 a.m.–noon*

Cleburne County Growers Market  
Spring Park  
Heber Springs, AR 72543  
501-362-2524  
*Year round*  
*Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday*  
*7:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.*

Historic Downtown Farmers Market  
Transportation Plaza  
Hot Springs, AR 71901  
Hot Springs Public Information Dept  
501-321-6806  
*May-October*  
*Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday*  
*6:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.*  
*WIC approved*

Park Avenue Green Market  
Park Place Baptist Church  
Hot Springs, AR 71901  
501-623-2849  
*March-October*  
*Saturday*

Madison County Farmers Market  
Huntsville Square  
Huntsville, AR 72740  
479-738-1018  
*Tuesday*  
*7:00 a.m.–noon*

Newton County Farmers Market  
Hwy 7 South  
Jasper, AR 72641  
*May-November*  
*Wednesday*  
*7:00 a.m.–noon*  
*WIC approved*

Arkansas Home Grown Market I  
YWCA/ 12<sup>th</sup> & Cleveland  
Little Rock, AR 72201  
501-982-5682  
*Seasonal*  
*Tuesday 6:30 a.m.–noon*  
*WIC approved*

Arkansas Home Grown Market II  
Lakewood Village  
Little Rock, AR 72201  
*Seasonal*  
*Thursday 6:30 a.m.–noon*  
*WIC approved*



Arkansas Home Grown Market III  
Second Presbyterian Church  
Cantrell & Pleasant Valley  
Little Rock, AR 72201  
501-982-5682  
*Seasonal*  
*Saturday 6:30 a.m.–noon*  
*WIC approved*

Little Rock River Market  
400 President Clinton Avenue  
Little Rock, AR 72201  
501-375-2552  
*May-October*  
*Tuesday & Saturday*  
*7:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.*  
*WIC approved*

Columbia Co. Homegrown Market Assn.  
Central Baptist Church parking lot  
2031 Highway 371, South  
Magnolia, AR 71753  
870-234-2303  
*Seasonal*  
*Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday*

Hot Spring County Farmers Market  
Rodeo St./ City Park  
Malvern, AR 72104  
501-332-5267  
*April-October*  
*Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday*  
*6:00 a.m.–noon*  
*WIC approved*

Lee County Farmers Market  
Downtown Square  
Marianna, AR 72360  
*Tuesday & Thursday*  
*9:00 a.m.–till*  
*WIC approved*

Polk County Farmers Market  
Mena Depot Center  
524 Sherwood Avenue  
Mena, AR 71953

501-394-6018  
*June-October*  
*Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday*  
*7:00 a.m.–noon*

Conway County Farmers Market  
Old Train Station  
Morrilton, AR 72110  
*Seasonal*  
*Monday-Friday*

Mountain Home Farmers Market  
Hickory Park  
Mountain Home, AR 72653  
870-425-2335  
*May-November*  
*Wednesday & Saturday*  
*6:00 a.m.–noon*

Stone County Farmers Market  
Courthouse Square  
Mountain View, AR 72560  
870-269-4524  
*Seasonal*  
*Wednesday & Saturday*

Montgomery County Farmers Market  
County Courthouse Square  
Mt. Ida, AR 71957  
870-867-2311  
*April-October*  
*Monday, Wednesday & Friday*  
*7:00 a.m.–noon*

Paragould Farmers Market  
Downtown/ 100 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Paragould, AR 72450  
*Monday-Saturday*  
*8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.*  
*WIC approved*

Perry County Farmers Market  
Perryville City Park  
Perryville, AR 72126  
*Wednesday & Saturday*  
*8:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.*

*WIC approved*  
Jefferson County Farmers Market  
4<sup>th</sup> & Walnut Streets  
Pine Bluff, AR 71603  
870-534-5127  
*Seasonal*  
*Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday*  
*6:00 a.m.–noon*  
*WIC approved*

Benton County Farmers Market  
Frisco Park  
Rogers, AR 65745  
479-662-3546  
*May-October*  
*Monday 4:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.*  
*Wednesday & Saturday*  
*7:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.*  
*WIC approved*

Pope County Farmers Market  
Historic Downtown Russellville  
Russellville, AR 72801  
*Monday 3:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.*  
*Wednesday 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.*  
*Saturday 7:00 a.m.–Noon*  
*WIC approved*

Grant County Farmers Market  
West Side of County Courthouse  
101 West Center Street  
Sheridan, AR 72150  
870-942-2231  
*Open-air/Seasonal*  
*Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday*

Siloam Springs Farmers Market  
Mt. Olive, Downtown  
Siloam Springs, AR 72761  
479-524-4556  
*April-October*  
*Tuesday & Friday*  
*7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*

Springdale Farmers Market  
Jones Center on Emma St.  
Springdale, AR 72746  
*Tuesday Noon-7:00pm*  
*Thursday & Saturday*  
*7:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.*  
*WIC approved*

Arkansas County/North Farmers Market  
9<sup>th</sup> & Main Street  
Stuttgart, AR  
870-282-3384  
*May-September*  
*Monday, Wednesday & Friday*  
*7:00 a.m.–noon*  
*WIC approved*

Gateway Farmers Market  
Jefferson & East 9<sup>th</sup> Streets  
Texarkana, AR 71854  
870-779-36609  
*Seasonal*  
*Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday*  
*7:00 a.m.–noon*  
*WIC approved*

Scott County Farmers Market  
Scott County Courthouse  
Waldron, AR 72958  
479-637-2173  
*June- September*  
*Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday*  
*7:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.*  
*WIC approved*

Cross County Farmers Market  
Cross County Courthouse Lawn  
Wynne, AR 72396  
870-238-5745  
*May-September*  
*Saturday*  
*7:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.*  
*WIC approved*

## **E. Community Supported Agriculture**

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a new method of food production, sales and distribution. The aim is to increase food quality and the care given to the land, plants, and animals, while substantially reducing the financial risks of the producer. It is normally operates best with small-scale farms with local members. Typically, members pay dues in advance to cover the expected cost of the operation and farmer's salary. In return, they receive a weekly share of the farm produce, regardless of feast or famine. These operations are often diverse and tailored to the customer. Many offer delivery or pick-up system, working shares, planning committees and year-round or partial growing seasons.

### **Arkansas**

Charlotte's Ranch  
Mark Scarano  
12140 Flowers Rd  
West Fork, AR 72701  
479-839-2370  
479-236-1593  
[charlottesranch@yahoo.com](mailto:charlottesranch@yahoo.com)

Hamilton Farm  
J.D. Hamilton  
1516 Libby Lane  
Dennard, AR 72629  
501-745-3144  
[hamfarms@artelco.net](mailto:hamfarms@artelco.net)

Heifer Ranch  
Chuck Crimmins  
55 Heifer Rd  
Perryville, AR 72126  
501-889-5124 ext 3650  
[ranch.csa@heifer.org](mailto:ranch.csa@heifer.org)  
[www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org)

Wildfire Farm  
4059 CR 516  
Huntsville, AR 72740  
870-545-3120  
[wildfirefarm@mailcity.com](mailto:wildfirefarm@mailcity.com)

## VI. Publications

### A. Journals

#### American

Agronomy Journal  
677 S. Segoe Rd.  
Madison, WI 53711  
608-273-8080  
[journals@agronomy.org](mailto:journals@agronomy.org)  
<http://agron.scijournals.org>  
*print; online*

American J. of Alternative Agriculture  
9200 Edmonston Rd, Suite 117  
Greenbelt. MD 20770  
*print; quarterly*

Compost Science and Utilization  
419 State Avenue  
Emmaus, Pa. 18049  
610-967-4135  
[biocycle@jgpress.com](mailto:biocycle@jgpress.com)  
<http://www.jgpress.com/compost.htm>

Hort Science  
113 South West Street, Suite 300  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703-836-4606  
[ashs@asha.org](mailto:ashs@asha.org)  
[www.ashs.org](http://www.ashs.org)  
*print and online; seven issues per year*

HortTechnology  
113 South West Street, Suite 300  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703-836-4606  
[ashs@asha.org](mailto:ashs@asha.org)  
[www.ashs.org](http://www.ashs.org)  
*print; quarterly*

Journal of Food Products Marketing  
Haworth Press, Inc.  
10 Alice Street  
Binghamton, NY 13904-1580  
607-722-5857  
<http://www.haworthpressinc.com/>  
*print; quarterly*

Journal of International Food and Agribusiness Marketing  
Haworth Press, Inc.  
10 Alice Street  
Binghamton, NY 13904-1580  
607-722-5857  
<http://www.haworthpressinc.com/>  
*print; quarterly*

Journal of Sustainable Agriculture  
10 Alice St.  
Binghamton, NY 13904  
1-800-429-6784  
<http://www.haworthpress.com>  
*print; quarterly*

Renewable Agriculture and Food Systems  
<http://www.cabi-publishing.org>  
*print and online; quarterly*

European  
Acta Horticulturae  
[info@ishs.org](mailto:info@ishs.org)  
<http://www.actahort.org>

Agriculture, Ecosystems & Environment  
6277 Sea Harbor Drive  
Orlando, FL 32887-4800  
877-839-7126  
[usjcs@elsevier.com](mailto:usjcs@elsevier.com)  
<http://www.elsevier.com>

Biological Agriculture and Horticulture  
<http://www.bahjournal.btinternet.co.uk>

## **B. Magazines**

Acres USA—The Magazine of Organic and Sustainable Agriculture  
P.O. Box 91299  
Austin, Texas 78709-1299  
800-355-5313  
[www.acresusa.com/magazines/magazine.htm](http://www.acresusa.com/magazines/magazine.htm)  
*print; monthly*

American Small Farm  
267 Broad Street  
Westerville, OH 43081  
614-895-3755  
<http://smallfarm.com>  
*print; monthly*

California Certified Organic Farmers Magazine  
1115 Mission Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
831-423-2263  
[www.ccof.org/](http://www.ccof.org/)  
*print and online (free); quarterly*

Growing for Market: News and Ideas for Market Gardeners  
Fairplain Publications  
P.O. Box 3747  
Lawrence, KS 66046  
800-307-8949  
[www.growingformarket.com/gfm.html](http://www.growingformarket.com/gfm.html)  
*print; monthly*

Health Product Business  
The Business Publication of the Natural Food Industry  
Cygnus Business Media  
445 Broad Hollow Rd, Suite 21  
Melville, NY 11747  
631-845-2700  
*print and online*

Natural Grocery Buyer  
New Hope Natural Media  
1401 Pearl St., Suite 200  
Boulder, CO 80302  
303-939-8440  
[www.naturalgrocerybuyer.com](http://www.naturalgrocerybuyer.com)

Natural Products Industry Insider  
Virgo Publishing  
P.O. Box 40079  
Phoenix, AZ 85067  
480-990-1101  
<http://www.naturalproductsinsider.com>  
*print and online; monthly*

OMRI Update  
Organic Materials Review Institute  
P.O. Box 11558  
Eugene, OR 97440  
541-343-7600  
[info@omri.org](mailto:info@omri.org)  
[www.omri.org/OMRI\\_subscribe\\_info.html](http://www.omri.org/OMRI_subscribe_info.html)  
*print; quarterly*

Organic Gardening  
Rodale Press, Inc.  
P.O. Box 7752  
Red Oak, IA 51591  
610-967-5171  
<http://www.organicgardening.com>  
*print; bimonthly*

Organic Processing  
1945 W. Mountain Street  
Glendale, California 91201  
760-633-2947  
[www.organicprocessing.com](http://www.organicprocessing.com)

The Communicator  
Organic Crop Improvement Association  
6400 Cornhusker, Suite 125  
Lincoln, NE 68507  
402-477-2323  
[info@ocia.org](mailto:info@ocia.org)  
<http://www.ocia.org/>  
*print and online (free); quarterly*

The Community Farm  
3480 Potter Road  
Bear Lake, MN 49614  
<http://tcf.itgo.com>  
*print and online; quarterly*

The Inspectors' Report  
Independent Organic Inspectors Association  
P.O. Box 6  
Broadus, MT 50317  
406-436-2031  
[ioia@ioia.net](mailto:ioia@ioia.net)  
<http://www.ioia.net>  
*print and online (free); quarterly*

The Organic Report  
OTA  
P.O. Box 547  
Greenfield, MA 01302  
413-774-7511  
[info@ota.com](mailto:info@ota.com)  
<http://www.ota.com>  
*print; monthly*

The Seasonal Marketer  
Red Pen Publishing  
76 Applewood Dr.  
Meriden, CT 06450  
203-440-3992  
*print; quarterly (subscription \$7 yearly)*

The Stockman Grass Farmer: The Grazier's Edge  
Mississippi Valley Publishing Corp  
282 Commercial Park Drive  
Ridgeland, MS 39157  
800-748-9808  
[SGF@StockmanGrassFarmer.com](mailto:SGF@StockmanGrassFarmer.com)  
[www.stockmangrassfarmer.com/sgf/](http://www.stockmangrassfarmer.com/sgf/)  
*print; monthly*



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### **Business & Marketing**

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Gibson, Eric. (2001). *The New Farmer's Market: Farm Fresh Ideas for Producers, Managers & Communities*. New World Publishing, Vista, CA.

Green, Diane. (1999). *Selling Produce to Restaurants: A Marketing Guide for Small Growers*. Greentree Naturals.

Hamilton, Neil D. (1999). *The Legal Guide to Direct Farm Marketing*. Drake University.

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<http://www.NationalAgLawCenter.org>

Henderson, Elizabeth and Robyn Van En. (1999). *Sharing the Harvest: A Guide to Community Supported Agriculture*. Chelsea Green Publishing, White River Junction, VT.

University of Minnesota. (2003). *Building a Sustainable Business: A Guide to Developing a Business Plan for Farms and Rural Businesses*. Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture.

### **Flowers**

Byczynski, Lynn. 1997. *The Flower Farmer: An Organic Grower's Guide to Raising and Selling Cut Flowers*. Chelsea Green Publications, White River Junction, VT.

### **Livestock**

Salatin, Joel. (1996). *Pastured Poultry Profits*. Chelsea Green Publishing.

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University of California IPM Program. *Natural Enemies Handbook: The Illustrated Guide to Biological Pest Control*. Order at 1-800-994-8849.

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Liebman, M. et al. (2001). *Ecological Management of Agricultural Weeds*. Cambridge University Press.

Magdoff, F. and Van Es, H. (2000). *Building Soils for Better Crops*. Sustainable Agriculture Network.

Peet, Mary. (1996). *Sustainable Practices for Vegetable Production in the South*. Focus Publishing.

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### Business & Marketing

Burt, Larry. (2002). *Marketing Alternatives for Specialty Produce*. Oregon State University. <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/>

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Frain, Michelle. (2002). *The ABC's of Marketing to Restaurants*. New Farm. Available at <http://www.newfarm.org/>

Frenstra, G., Ohmart, J., and David Chaney. (2003). *Selling Directly to Restaurants and Retailers*. University of California, Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program. Available at: <http://www.sarep.ucdavis.edu/cdpp/selldirect.pdf>

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University of California DANR. (2000). *Organic Apple Production Manual*.

West Virginia University. *Kearneysville Tree Fruit Research and Education Center*.  
<http://www.caf.wvu.edu/kearneysville/wvufarm1.html>

Mid-Atlantic Orchard Monitoring Guide Website for Tree Fruit Pathology. *Index of Fruit and Disease Photographs, Biology, and Monitoring Information*.  
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Clemson University Horticulture. *Peach Information*. <http://www.clemson.edu/hort/Peach/index.php?p=72>

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Cornell. (2006). *Resource Guide for Organic Insects and Disease Management*. Available online at <http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/pp/> or in print 315-787-2248.

University of California IPM Handbooks. (*apples, cole crops, lettuce, potatoes, lettuce. Rice, stone fruits, small grains, tomatoes, walnuts*). Order at 1-800-994-8849 or more information at [www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/default.html](http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/default.html)

UC Davis SAREP. <http://www.sarep.ucdavis.edu/Organic/pubs.htm> Publications for organics include: *Cost Production Studies, Certification, Farm Production Planning and Marketing, Soil Management and Soil Quality, Soil Fertility Management, Insect Pest Management, Plant Disease Management, Post-harvest Handling*.

UC Davis SAREP Manuals. (*Organic apple production, organic soil amendments and fertilizers, compost production and utilization*). Order at 1-800-994-8849 or [www.anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu](http://www.anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu)

UC Davis Vegetable Research & Information Center.  
<http://vric.ucdavis.edu/selectnewtopic.organic.htm> Publication include: *Organic Certification, Soil Fertility & Management, Weed, Insect and Disease Management and Post-harvest Handling*.

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Chenoweth, Herman. (1997). *Free-range Poultry Production and Marketing: A Guide to Raising, Processing, and Marketing Premium Quality Chicken, Turkey and Eggs*. Back Forty Books. Available at: <http://www.back40books.com>

## **E. Organic Enterprise Budgets**

### **Dairy**

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<http://www.cookcollege.rutgers.edu/>

### **Fruits**

Organic Apples, Slender Spindle (1210 trees/Ac) Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, British Columbia, 2001.

### **Field Crops**

North Dakota State University. <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/pubs/> Organic budgets include: *Spring Wheat, Durum, Feed Barley, Corn Grain, Oil Sunflower, Confectionary Sunflower, Soybeans, Oats, Flax, Field Peas, Millet, Buckwheat, Rye, Rotational Green Manure and Machinery Cost Schedules.*

Rutgers Cooperative Extension (Northeast US). <http://www.cookcollege.rutgers.edu/>  
Budgets include *Alfalfa Hay and Soybeans.*

### **Livestock**

Organic Pork Production: A Two-litter Pasture Farrow-to-Finish Budget. Iowa State University, 1999. <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/ipic/reports/99swinereports/asl-1679.pdf>

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### **Specialty Crops**

Organic Goldenseal Production. Washington State University, 2001.

<http://smallfarms.wsu.edu/crops/organicGoldenseal.html>

### **Vegetables**

University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service. Vegetable Production Budgets including *Broccoli, Sweet Corn, Cabbage, Sweet Potatoes, Cucumbers, Squash, Lima Beans, Tomatoes, Okra, Irrigated Tomatoes, Snap Beans, Turnips, Southern Peas, Watermelons, Strawberries.* <http://www.aragriculture.org/horticulture/budgets>

North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service. Organic Vegetable Production Cost Studies including *Broccoli, Kale, Tomatoes, Sweet Corn, Salad Mix, Leaf Lettuce, Peppers, and Summer Squash.* <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/chatham/ag/>

Rutgers Cooperative Extension (Northeast US). <http://www.cookcollege.rutgers.edu/>  
Organic budgets include: *Bell Pepper, Cauliflower, Cabbage, Cucumber, Leaf Lettuce, Yellow Onions, Pumpkins, Sweet Corn, Fresh Market Tomatoes and Processing Tomatoes.*

UC Davis California. <http://vric.ucdavis.edu/> Budgets include: *Cabbage, Cauliflower, Cucumber, Garlic, Leaf Lettuce, Romaine Lettuce, Red Onions, Yellow Onions, Snap Peas, Snow Peas, Green Bell Peppers, Red Bell Peppers, Sweet Corn and Winter Squash.*

Horticultural Business Information Network. <http://www.utextension.utk.edu/hbin/HBIN-FruitsandVeggies.htm> Includes Fruit and Vegetable Budgets from *Tennessee, Kentucky, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Texas, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Alabama, Virginia, Rutgers and North Carolina.*

## **F. Databases & Listservs**

Alternative Farming Systems Information Center (USDA) Publications Search  
<http://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/afspub.htm>

American Distance Education Consortium  
Information from 50+ Extension Service and Agricultural Experiment Stations  
<http://e-answers.adec.edu>

New Crop Resource Online Program  
[www.hort.purdue.edu/newcrop](http://www.hort.purdue.edu/newcrop)

North Carolina State University  
Organic Farming Systems- Searchable Research Articles Database  
[http://www.ncsu.edu/organic\\_farming\\_systems/database.htm](http://www.ncsu.edu/organic_farming_systems/database.htm)

USDA's Market News  
<http://www.ams.usda.gov/marketnews.htm>

USDA National Agriculture Library Catalog (AGRICOLA)  
<http://agricola.nal.usda.gov/>



## G. ATTRA Publications

Publications include short guides for specific commodity production and a production budget. Guides are also available for pest control, soils & fertilizers, marketing and management forms. Guides are available at <http://attra.ncat.org/organic.html>.

### General Information

Alternatives to Treated Lumber  
Compliance Checklist for Producers  
Documentation Forms  
Forms, Documents, and Sample Letters  
for Organic Producers  
Organic Certification Process  
Organic Crop Production Overview  
Organic Farm Certification & the  
National Organic Program  
Preparing for an Organic Inspection  
Regulations, Certification, Transition &  
History  
Signs for Organic Farms

### Fruits

Apple Production  
Blueberry Production  
Bramble Fruits Production  
Grape Production  
Pear Production  
Peach Production  
Plum Production  
Strawberry Production

### Vegetables

Allium Production  
Asparagus Production  
Tomato Production  
Garlic Production  
Greenhouse Tomato Production  
Herbs: Greenhouse Production  
Herb Production  
Lettuce and Greens Production  
Plug and Transplant Production  
Pumpkin and Winter Squash  
Sweet Corn Production  
Sweet Potato Production

### Field Crops

Field Corn Production  
Cotton Production  
Rice Production  
Soybean Production

### Livestock

Hog Production

## VII. Events and Conferences

### A. Trade Shows & Expo

All Things Organic Conference and Trade Show  
*Sponsored by: Organic Trade Association*  
121 Free Street, PO Box 7437  
Portland, ME 04112  
207-842-5468  
[lmurray@divcom.com](mailto:lmurray@divcom.com)  
<http://www.atoexpo.com/ato06/public/content.aspx>  
*Annually in May*

Arkansas-Oklahoma Horticulture Industry Show  
*Sponsored by: AR State Horticulture Society and Oklahoma State University Horticulture*  
Ray Campbell, OSU Horticulture  
360 Agriculture Hall  
Stillwater, OK 74078  
405-744-5404  
*Annually in January*

Ecological Farming Conference  
*Sponsored by: Ecological Farming Assn.*  
831-763-2111  
[www.eco-farm.org](http://www.eco-farm.org)  
*Annually in January*

Natural Products Expo  
New Hope Communications  
1301 Spruce St  
Boulder, CO 80302  
303-939-8440  
[www.expowest.com](http://www.expowest.com)  
*Held semi-annually in spring and fall*

National Small Farm Trade Show and Conference  
*Sponsored by: Small Farm Today magazine*  
Boone County Fairgrounds  
Columbia, MO  
800-633-2535  
[smallfarm@socket.net](mailto:smallfarm@socket.net)  
[www.smallfarmtoday.com](http://www.smallfarmtoday.com)  
*Annually in November*

Tour d'Organics Bike Ride  
<http://www.tourdorganics.com/>  
Bicycling tour featuring local organic farms  
*Numerous locations and time throughout year*

## **B. Conferences**

Acres USA Conference  
*Sponsored by: Acres USA*  
P.O. Box 91299  
Austin, TX 78709  
800-355-5313  
[info@acresusa.com](mailto:info@acresusa.com)  
[www.acresusa.com](http://www.acresusa.com)  
*Annually in December*

Iowa Organic Conference  
*Iowa State University Extension*  
106 Horticulture Hall  
Iowa State University  
Ames, IA 50011  
515-294-7069  
<http://extension.agron.iastate.edu/organicag/>  
*Annually in November or December*

## **C. Workshops**

Advanced Organic and Biodynamic Vegetable Production  
Michael Fields Agricultural Institute  
W2493 County Road ES  
East Troy, WI 53120  
262-642-3303  
[mfai@michaelfieldsaginst.org](mailto:mfai@michaelfieldsaginst.org)  
[www.michaelfieldsaginst.org](http://www.michaelfieldsaginst.org)

Leopold Center  
Iowa State University  
209 Curtis Hall  
Ames, IA 50011  
515-294-3711  
[leocenter@iastate.edu](mailto:leocenter@iastate.edu)  
<http://www.leopold.iastate.edu>

University of California  
Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program  
<http://www.sarep.ucdavis.edu/organic/courses.htm>

## **VIII. Appendix**

### **A. Common Abbreviations and Acronyms**

FDA	Food and Drug
GMO	Genetically Modified Organism
GRAS	Generally Regarded as Safe
GMP	Genetically Modified Plants
HACCEP	Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point
IPM	Integrated Pest Management
IQF	Individually Quick Frozen
NOP	National Organic Program
NOSB	National Organic Standards Board
OMRI	Organic Materials Review Institute
UA	University of Arkansas
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture

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