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Organic Seed Regulations & Resources – Updated 12/30/2014

National Organic Program (NOP) Seed and Planting Stock Regulations

The National Organic Program rules stipulate that organic seeds **MUST** be used in organic production when commercially available. This includes annual, perennial, and cover crops. Commercial availability is defined by the NOP as *“the ability to obtain a production input in an appropriate form, quality, and quantity to fulfill an essential function in a system of organic production or handling, as determined by the certifying agent in the course of reviewing the organic plan”*.

Organic sprouts **MUST be produce with organic seeds. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Document your search for organic seed and planting stock. Organic producers are required to provide ongoing evidence of active attempts to source organic seeds and/or planting stock such as logs showing calls made, product/supplier catalogues, letters received, or other demonstrations of good faith efforts. Such evidence must also be provided in the event that organic seed or planting stock does not provide the necessary level of quality or provide the desired function. CCOF strictly reviews this process annually to maintain the integrity of organic food production and to encourage our members to actively search for organic seeds.

Growers must verify that third parties, who provide nonorganic seed or planting stock, have searched for organic seed. CCOF must be able to verify that a commercial availability search was conducted for all nonorganic seed or planting stock. If a buyer provides you with nonorganic seed or planting stock you must obtain documentation from the buyer that demonstrates a search for organic seed or planting stock was conducted. Examples of this documentation include call logs, seed catalogues, or statements from seed suppliers. Your inspector will ask for this information at all inspections.

Test/trial organic seed to find seed with the characteristics and qualities you need.

If growers cannot find specific organic seed in the quality or quantity they require then trialing other organic varieties should be considered. First identify the qualities that are sought in organic seed. For example: disease resistance, drought tolerance, hybrid uniformity, size, color, flavor or any other market or grower preferences. Then seek out organic varieties that are available and conduct trials to see if the organic seed can meet your needs.

Any non-organic seeds used must be Non-GMO and untreated or Non-GMO and treated only with substances listed as allowed on the National List. Seeds treated with prohibited materials are **NOT** allowed in organic production. If you plan to use seed that is treated, coated, inoculated or pelletized with any substance you must confirm that the substance in use is approved.

Annual transplant stock **MUST be certified organic.**

Growers purchasing annual transplants must maintain current NOP certificates from suppliers and have purchase invoices showing the transplants purchased are organic. These documents will be reviewed annually at your inspection.

Non-organic planting stock to be sold again as planting stock (not a crop) must be managed organically for one year prior to sale as organic. Growers are required to show records demonstrating that the planting stock was managed organically for one year and that it was not sold as organic until the eligibility date was met, with the exception of crops harvested from the plant. Such records include:

Planting stock purchase receipts, planting records, input application records, input invoices, harvest records and sales records. These records will be reviewed at all inspections.



Certified organic growers are required to utilize organic seed unless organic versions are commercially unavailable.

Commercial availability means the ability to obtain seeds in an appropriate form, quality, or quantity to fulfill an essential function in a system of organic production, and is determined by CCOF in the course of reviewing the Organic System Plan.

If organic seeds are not commercially available, non-organic seeds are allowed only if they are non-GMO, and either untreated or treated ONLY with allowed substances.

CCOF certified operations are required to demonstrate good faith attempts to source organic versions prior to utilizing non-organic seed. This documentation may be in the form of a log showing calls made, product/supplier catalogues, letters received, or other efforts on your part.

Organic Seed Suppliers & Resources

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www.bejoseeds.com

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