

Organic Affidavit

Use this affidavit if you are a producer who is not certified organic, but chooses to market, label, package, advertise, or otherwise claim their products as “organic” and can attest to the terms of this affidavit.

I am a producer that is not certified organic, but I use the word “organic” to describe my products or practices in the marketplace. The list below describes many of the requirements in the organic law that I follow in order to use the word “organic.” I understand that the following is not an exhaustive list of requirements. I have also read and follow the full U. S. organic regulation, which is located at www.ams.usda.gov/nop.

I verify that...

1. I sell less than \$5,000 annually in organically labeled products.
2. I have not planted any seeds that had synthetic treatments, such as fungicides or insecticides.
3. I have planted all organic seeds if they were available in the variety and quantity I required.
4. No Genetically Modified or Genetically Engineered seeds, planting stock or nitrogen fixing bacteria have been planted or used to grow the crops I am labeling as organic. I have documentation from all of my seed, planting stock and input suppliers to verify this statement.
5. I have either grown transplants myself using only OMRI (Organic Materials Review Institute) or organic certifier organically approved potting mixes and other inputs or I have purchased certified organic transplants.
6. All land growing organically labeled crops has been free of materials that are not allowed under the organic regulations for at least 36 months before harvest.
7. I have only applied fertility, pest, disease and weed management inputs that have either been approved by OMRI or by an organic certification agency. I understand that there are numerous agricultural input products that make organic claims that are untrue and I have gone the extra step to verify what I am using meets the organic law.
8. I have implemented a soil building rotation on my farm, where annual crops of the same type are not grown in succession in the same field. I also use plant and livestock based materials such as cover crops and compost to continually improve my soils.
9. I have not applied manure to my fields growing crops for human consumption any sooner than 90 days before harvest for crops that are not in contact with soil (i.e. sweet corn), or 120 days before harvest for crops that are in contact with soil (root crops, tomatoes, peppers etc.).
10. I have documentation that compost containing livestock originated components used on my farm meets the requirement of having a Carbon to Nitrogen ratio of between 25 to 1 and 40 to 1, has had a temperature maintained of 131 to 170 degrees F for 15 days and has been turned 5 times, or if in a static vessel, had this temperature maintained for 3 days.
11. All mammalian livestock has been managed organically from the last third of gestation of their mother to the day of slaughter. All poultry has been managed organically from the second day of life. Organic management includes 100% certified organic feed. No antibiotics are allowed to be used at any stage of life for an animal whose meat would be sold as organic. I have only used approved parasiticides as listed on the National List within the organic regulations.

12. All livestock has had access to the outdoors, with ruminants receiving at least 30% of their nutrition from pasture during a minimum 120 day grazing season. All animal health products and feed supplements have either been OMRI approved or approved by an organic certification agency. All organic meats were processed in a certified organic facility.

13. I understand that the term “organic” may only be used to describe agricultural products produced according to the National Organic Program (i.e. organic sweet corn, organic eggs, organic pork, etc.).

14. I understand that the term “organic” may not be used to describe nonorganic agricultural products (i.e. a sign stating “produce raised organically” when the land does not qualify as organic; an egg carton label stating “hens fed organic grains” when the hens, and thus the eggs, do not qualify as organic; a brochure stating “hogs fed organic grains” when the purchased piglets were not sourced as organic, etc.).

15. I understand that non-agricultural products (i.e. salt, minerals, water, etc.) cannot be claimed as organic as the National Organic Program only covers agricultural products.

16. I have maintained documentation that verifies what I have stated above.

Farmer Signature _____

Farmer Name _____

Farm Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Date _____