

Allowed, Restricted and Prohibited Materials for Use on Organic Farms—How are They Categorized and Reviewed?

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Organic producers need to know what fertilizers, pesticides, feed additives, health care products, and other production tools meet National Organic Program (NOP) standards. The NOP rule does not comprehensively list generic materials or brand name products. Knowing what complies requires careful review and evaluation. The Organic Materials Review Institute publishes the OMRI /Generic Materials List /and provides a service to certifiers, producers, handlers, and suppliers of evaluating brand name products for use in organic production and handling. The workshop will describe the basis for determining what materials are allowed under the NOP, and resources that can help determine the status of specific products.