

# Approved Untreated Planting Stock Sources

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Producers of organic crops are required to source certified organic seed and planting stock if it is commercially available. If organic seeds and planting stock are not commercially available, conventional untreated seeds and planting stock may be used. If producers use non-organic seed and planting stock, they must do so according to the standards below and provide sufficient justification.

**Planting Stock:** Planting stock includes: rhizomes, shoots, leaf or stem cuttings, roots or tubers. Some examples are seed potatoes, sweet potato slips, onion bulb sets, and garlic bulbs. An organic crop may be produced from non-organic, untreated planting stock if organic stock is not commercially available. Untreated planting stock may have had prohibited substances applied during production, but may not have had prohibited substances applied post-harvest.

**Treated Planting Stock:** Treatment (fungicide, fumigation, etc.) applied directly to mature planting stock post-harvest. Plants that have had prohibited substances applied during production are not considered treated. Any stock (whether annual or perennial) used to produce a crop within 1 year or less of planting must be untreated.

**Annual Seedlings:** Annual seedlings must be organic. In this instance there is no commercial availability clause. This includes vegetable transplants, onion plants, and annual flower plugs. For a list of certified organic annual seedling sources, please see our Organic Seed, Annual Seedling and Planting Stock Guide.

**Perennial Plants:**

- If grown as potted nursery stock, non-organic perennial plants must be grown out for 1 year before selling them as organic.
- If grown for a harvested crop, non-organic perennial stock may be used to produce an organic crop if it is not commercially available in organic form.

**Documentation:** When not using organic planting stock, the producer must document the reasons for not using organic planting stock and provide evidence of a search for organic planting stock prior to purchasing non-organic. This will be verified during the annual inspection. Documentation may include list of catalogs examined, record of phone calls to suppliers, and statements on invoices that an organic equivalent is not available.



Vermont Organic Farmers has verified that the sources below have not treated the planting stock listed post-harvest. Certified organic farmers can utilize these sources, though they are still responsible for retaining all receipts for their records.

### Approved Untreated Planting Stock Sources

#### **Adams County Nursery, Inc.**

717-677-8105  
P.O. Box 108  
Aspers, PA 17304  
www.acnursery.com  
*All planting stock*

#### **Chappelle's Vermont Potatoes**

802-433-5930  
3242 South Hill Road  
Williamstown, VT 05679  
barb.chappelle@gmail.com  
*Seed potatoes – all varieties*

#### **Degradchamp Farms**

888-483-7431  
76241 14th Ave.  
South Haven, MI 49090  
www.degrandchamps.com  
*Blueberries and cranberries*

#### **Fedco**

207-873-7333  
PO Box 520  
Waterville, ME 04903  
www.fedcoseeds.com  
*All planting stock*

#### **Johnny's Selected Seeds**

877-564-6697  
Winslow, ME  
www.johnnyseeds.com  
*All planting stock*

#### **Jones Family Farm**

252-235-0155  
7094 Honeysuckle Lane  
Bailey, NC 27807  
*Sweet potatoes: Burgandy; Covington;  
Muraski; Orleans*

#### **Krohne Plant Farm**

269-424-5423  
92224 County Rd. 687  
Hartford, MI 49057  
www.krohneplantfarms.com  
*All planting stock*

#### **Nourse Farms**

413-665-2658  
41 River Rd.  
South Deerfield, MA 01373  
www.noursefarms.com  
*All strawberries, asparagus,  
blueberries, ribes (gooseberries, currants,  
elderberries), red raspberries*

#### **Steele Plant Company**

731-648-5476  
PO Box 191  
Gleason, TN 38229  
www.sweetpotatoplant.com  
*All sweet potatoes*

#### **The Maine Potato Lady**

207-343-2270  
P.O. Box 65  
Guilford, ME 04443  
www.mainepotatolady.com  
*All planting stock*

#### **Walker Brothers, Inc.**

856-358-2548  
105 Porchtown Rd.  
Pittsgrove, NJ 08318  
www.walkerplants.com  
*Asparagus: Jersey Knight, Walker Deluxe,  
Atlas, Purple Passion*