

# Certified Organic Seed, Annual Seedling, Planting Stock and Perennial Plant Sources

Vermont Organic Farmers, LLC (VOF)

Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT)

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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 and documentation.

# **Commercial Availability:**

Conventional untreated seeds can be used only when organic seeds are not available in appropriate form, quality, quantity or equivalent variety. By equivalent form, a producer should look at size, grade, pelleted, hot water treated etc. By quality, a producer should look for cleanliness, germination, etc. By equivalent variety, a producer should look for growing habits, days to maturity, insect and disease resistance, flavor etc.

### Pelleted Seed:

Pelleted seed must use an approved coating. Check with VOF and your seed supplier before using pelleted seeds.

### Treated Seed:

There is NO allowance for seed treated with prohibited materials. Captan, Thimet, Thiram and similar chemical fungicides are NOT on the National List and are not permitted. If your seed is covered in a pink or orange powder, it is probably prohibited. If a producer uses a treated

seed that crop cannot be sold as organic AND the use of treated seed disqualifies the field for organic production for a period of three years.

# Sprouts:

Organic seed must be used in the production of edible sprouts.

#### Inoculants:

Seed treatments such as inoculants must be approved for use in organic production. Some inoculant products are not allowed for use due to the presence of genetically modified bacteria in the product. Please refer to the VOF Brand Name Product List for those inoculant products approved for use by OMRI (Organic Materials Review Institute) or VOF in accordance with the NOP Standards. VOF can review other products not listed at the producer's request. Do not use a product that has not been reviewed by the VOF office.

# **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. A list of approved untreated planting stock sources is available from the VOF office and at www.nofavt.org.

# **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.

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

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. The producer must also provide evidence that the planting stock is

untreated. Documentation may include list of catalogs examined, record of phone calls to planting stock companies, statements on invoices that an organic planting stock is not available and a signed letter on company letterhead indicating that the planting stock was not treated post-harvest.

# Suppliers of Certified Organic Grain/Soy Seed: Vermont

#### **Bourdeau Brothers of Middlebury**

(802) 388-7000 or (800) 639-7051 PO Box 187 Middlebury, VT 05753

#### **Bourdeau Brothers of Sheldon**

(802) 933-4581 or (800) 499-2128 25 Severance Rd. Sheldon, VT 05483

#### www.bourdeaubros.com

Dirstributor of Seedway; can order organic forages, grasses, legumes, and field corn. (various)

#### **Butterworks Farm**

Jack and Anne Lazor (802) 744-6855 421 Trumpass Rd. Westfield, VT 05874 www.butterworksfarm.com butterworksfarm@pshift.com Organic grain seed. (VOF)

### **Champlain Valley Milling**

Sam Sherman (518) 962-4711 PO Box 454 Westport, NY 12993 Organic grain & cover crops. (various)

#### **Charlie Taplin**

Charlie Taplin (802) 249-1532 366 West St. Brookfield, VT 05036 vthick43@gmail.com Distributor of King's AgriSeeds. (various)

#### G. Boucher Fertilizer

(802) 868-3939 2343 Gore Rd. Highgate Center, VT 05459 Distributor of King's AgriSeeds. (various)

#### J.R. Farm Service

Jim Rapp (802) 888-3255 189 Summer St. Morrisville, VT 05661 Distributor of King's AgriSeeds. (various)

#### **Lakeview Organic Grain**

(315) 531-1038 119 Hamilton Place Penn Yan, NY 14527 www.lakevieworganicgrain.com info@lakevieworganicgrain.com

Organic small grains, soybeans, field peas, alfalfa, grass, legumes, clover seed, hybrid & open pollinated corn seed. (NOFA-NY)

#### L. D. Oliver Seed Co., Inc

(800) 624-2952 or (802) 777-7177 P.O Box 156, 29 Sunset Dr. Milton, VT 05468 oliverseed@gol.com

Distributor of DLF Int'l, Blue River Hybrids, Power Seeds and Lakeview. (various)

#### High Mowing Seed Co.

(802) 472-6174 76 Quarry Rd. Wolcott, VT 05680 www.highmowingseeds.com

Organic grain and cover crop seed supplier. (VOF)

# Suppliers of Certified Organic Grain/Soy Seed: Regional

#### **Bourdeau Brothers of Champlain**

(518) 298-8877 590 Mason Rd. Champlain, NY 12919 www.bourdeaubros.com

Can order organic grass seed early in season. (various)

### **Fedco Organic Growers Supply**

(207) 873-7333 PO Box 520 Waterville, ME 04903 www.fedcoseeds.com

Some organic grains, forages, legumes and cover crop seeds. (MOFGA)

#### Johnny's Selected Seeds

(877) 564-6697 P.O. Box 299 Waterville, ME 04901 www.johnnyseeds.com

Some organic grain, legume and cover crop seeds. (MOFGA)

#### King's Agriseeds, Inc.

(866) 687-6224 96 Paradise Lane Ronks, PA 17572 www.kingsagriseeds.com

Some organic grains, forages, corn, legumes and grass mixtures. (various)

### **Lancaster Ag Products**

(717) 687-9222 60 N Ronks Rd Ronks, PA 17572 www.lancasterag.com

Some organic corn, soybeans & forages. (various)

# Wehrmann Grain & Seed Ltd.

(519) 395-3126 RR#1 Ripley, Ontario N0G 2R0 Canada

Some organic cereal grains, soybeans, peas, clovers. (various)

#### **Wood Prairie Farm**

(800) 829-9765 49 Kinney Road Bridgewater, ME 04734 www.woodprairie.com

Organic small grain and cover crop seeds. (MOFGA)

# Suppliers of Certified Organic Grain/Soy Seed: National

#### Albert Lea Seed House

(800) 352-5247 PO Box 127 Albert Lea, MN 56007 seedhouse@alseed.com www.alseed.com

Some organic small grains, soybeans, forages, grasses, cover crops, alfalfa, and clover seed. (MCIA)

### American Organic Seed Co.

(815) 745-1018 304 Anson St. PO Box 385 Warren, IL 61087 request@american-organic.com www.american-organic.com

Organic corn, grass, alfalfa, grain and cover crop seed. (MOSA)

### **Blue River Hybrids**

(800) 370-7979 27087 Timber Road Kelley, IA 50134 www.blueriverseeds.com

Some organic sweet and silage corn, soybeans, alfalfa, sunflowers, sorghum, and grass seed. (OCIA)

# **DLF International Seeds**

(541) 369-1841 (800) 445-2251 PO Box 229 Halsey, OR 97348 www.dlforganic.com

Some organic forage, lawn and cover crop seeds. (OT)

# Falk's Seed Farm

(320) 875-4341 1170 Hwy 9 NE Murdock, MN 56271 falkseed@westtechwb.com www.falkseed.com

Some organic grain, soybeans, alfalfa and seed corn. (MCIA)

### Foundation Organic Seeds, LLC

(800) 495-6647 634 13th Ave North Onalaska, WI 54650 www.foundationorganicseed.com foundationorganic@amail.com

Distributes organic seed corn, alfalfa, Some organic small grains, clover soybeans, clover, grasses, and small arains. (various)

### **Great Harvest Organics**

(317) 984-6685 6803 East 276th Street Atlanta, Indiana 46031 www.greatharvestorganics.com Organic corn, wheat, soybeans and alfalfa. (ICS)

# L. A. Hearne Co.

(800) 253-7346 seedsales@hearneco.com www.hearneseed.com

Some organic grains and legumes. (CCOF)

#### **Merit Seeds**

(800) 553-4713 or (330) 893-3196 PO Box 205 Berlin, OH 44610 info@meritseed.com www.meritseed.com

Some organic corn, alfalfa, grass and clover seed. (ICO)

#### **Prairie Hybrid Seeds**

(800) 368-0124 (815)438-7815 27445 Hurd Rd Deer Grove, IL 61243 www.prairiehybrids.com Organic seed corn. (ICO)

#### Snow Seed Co.

(831) 758-9869 PO Box 294 21855 Rosehart Way Salinas, CA 93908 www.snowseedco.com

and cover crop. (CCOF)

### **Southern Exposure Seed Exchange**

(540) 894-9480 PO Box 460 Mineral, VA 23117 www.south<u>ernexposure.com</u> Some organic grain and cover crop seeds. (QCS)

# Welter Seed and Honey Co.

(800) 728-8450 17724 Hwy 136 Onslow, IA 52321-7549 info@welterseed.com www.welterseed.com

Some organic cover crops, alfalfa, clover, grains, grasses, legumes, soybeans and corn. (MOSA)

#### W-L Research

(800) 406-7662 P.O. Box 1610 Ozark, MO 65721 info@wlresearch.com www.wlresearch.com

Organic alfalfa seeds. (CCOF)

# Suppliers of Certified Organic Vegetable, Flower and Herb Seed

#### **Bountiful Gardens**

(707) 459-6410 1726-D South Main Street Willits, CA 95490 bountiful@sonic.net www.bountifulgardens.org

Some organic, open-pollinated seed of heirloom vegetables, herbs, flowers, grains and green manures. (CCOF)

#### The Cook's Garden

(800) 457-9703 P.O. Box C5030 Warminster, PA 18974 www.cooksgarden.com

Some organic vegetable and herb seed. (PDA)

#### **Environmental Seed Producers**

(805) 291-6172 PO Box 947 Albany, OR 97321 www.espseeds.com

Organic vegetable, culinary herb and cut flower seed. (CCOF)

#### **Fedco Seeds**

(207) 426-9900 PO Box 520 Waterville, ME 04903 www.fedcoseeds.com Some organic vegetables,

flowers & herbs. (MOFGA)

#### Fred C. Gloeckner & Co. Inc.

(800) 345-3787 600 Mamaroneck Avenue Harrison, NY 10528-1631 www.fredaloeckner.com

Some organic vegetable, herb and flower seeds. (CCOF)

#### **Harris Seeds**

(800) 544-7938 PO Box 24966 Rochester, NY 14624 growers@harrisseeds.com Some organic vegetable, herb & flower seeds (NOFA-NY)

#### **High Mowing Organic Seeds**

(802) 472-6174
76 Quarry Road
Wolcott, VT 05860
www.highmowingseeds.com
Organic vegetable, flower and herb seeds. (VOF)

#### Johnny's Selected Seeds

(877) 564-6697 P.O. Box 299 Waterville, ME 04901 www.johnnyseeds.com

Some organic vegetable, flower and herb seeds. (MOFGA)

#### **Natural Gardening Company**

(707) 766-9303 P.O. Box 750776 Petaluma CA 94975-0776 info@naturalgardening.com www.naturalgardening.com

Some organic vegetable, herb

and flower seeds. (CCOF)

# **New England Seed Company**

(800) 825-5477 3580 Main Street Hartford, CT 06120 sales@neseed.com www.neseed.com

Some organic vegetable, herb and flower seeds. (BOC)

#### Park Seed Co.

(800) 845-3369 3507 Cokesbury Rd. Hodges, SC 29653 www.parkseed.com Some organic vegetable, herb

and flower seeds. (DPI)

# **Peaceful Valley Farm Supply**

(888) 784-1722 Grass Valley, CA 95945 www.groworganic.com

Some organic vegetable, herb, sprouting, grain and bulk seeds. (CCOF)

#### **Sand Hill Preservation Center**

(563) 246-2299 1878 230<sup>th</sup> Street Calamus, IA 52729 www.sandhillpreservation.com Organic heirloom seeds. (IDA)

# Seed Savers Exchange

(563) 382-5990 3094 North Winn Road Decorah, IA 52101 www.seedsavers.org

Some organic vegetable, herbs and flower seeds. (IDA)

# Suppliers of Certified Organic Vegetable, Flower and Herb Seed

**Seeds of Change** 

(888) 762-7333 P.O. Box 4908 Rancho Dominguez, CA 90220 www.seedsofchange.com

Organic flowers, herbs, vegetable, & cover crops. (OT)

Seedway

(800) 952-7333 99 Industrial Road Elizabethtown, PA 17022 www.seedway.com

Some organic vegetable & herb seeds. (PDA)

Snow Seed Co.

(831) 758-9869 PO Box 294 21855 Rosehart Way Salinas, CA 93908 www.snowseedco.com

Some organic vegetable seeds, offering pelleting with OMRI listed "Nature Coat." (CCOF)

Southern Exposure Seed Exchange

(540) 894-9480 PO Box 460 Mineral, VA 23117

www.southernexposure.com

Some organic heirloom flowers, herb & vegetable seeds. (QCS)

**Terra Edibles** 

(613) 961-0654
Box 164
Foxboro, Ontario
KOK 2BO CANADA
www.terraedibles.ca

Some organic, open-pollinated vegetable, herb and flower seeds packaged in small packets for home gardeners. (OCPP)

Territorial Seed Co.

(541) 942-9547 PO Box 158 Cottage Grove, OR 97421 info@territorialseed.com www.territorialseed.com

Some organic flowers, herbs, & vegetables. (STS)

**Tomato Fest** 

www.tomatofest.com

All open pollinated, mostly heirlooms-all certified organic. (CCOF)

**Turtle Tree Seed** 

(888) 516-7797 Camphill Village Copake, NY 12516

www.turtletreeseed.com

Some organic, some biodynamic, all open pollinated vegetable, herb and flower seeds. (various)

Vitalis / Enza Coastal Seeds Inc.

(831) 753-6141 7 Harris Place Salinas, CA 93901 www.vitalisorganic.com

Over 150 varieties or organic herb and vegetable seeds. (CUC)

Wild Garden Seed

(541) 929-4068 PO Box 1509 Philomath, OR 97370 www.wildgardenseed.com Organic salad green, herb & some vegetable seeds. (OT)

**Wood Prairie Farm** 

(800) 829-9765 49 Kinney Road Bridgewater, ME 04734 www.woodprarie.com

Organic vegetable, herb and small grain seeds. (MOFGA)

# Suppliers of Certified Organic Annual Seedlings

#### The Cook's Garden

(800) 457-9703 P.O. Box C5030 Warminster, PA 18974 www.cooksgarden.com

Some organic vegetable and herb seedlings. (PDA)

# **Deep Grass Nursery**

(302) 398-4413 13847 Staytonville Rd. Greenwood, DE <u>deepgrass@hughes.net</u> <u>www.deepgrassnursery.com</u>

Organic vegetable and herb seedlings (QCS).

# **Mountain Valley Growers**

(559) 338-2775 38325 Pepperweed Road Squaw Valley, CA 93675 www.mountainvalleygrowers.com

Organic herb and vegetable seedlings. (SCS)

# **Natural Gardening Company**

(707) 766-9303
P.O. Box 750776, Petaluma CA 94975-0776
www.naturalgardening.com
Organic vegetable, herb and flower seedlings.
(CCOF)

# Seeds of Change

(888) 762-7333 P.O. Box 4908 Rancho Dominguez, CA 90220 www.seedsofchange.com Organic vegetable seedlings. (OT)

#### **Vermont Organic Plugs**

(802) 349-9325 4818 Snake Mountain Rd. Weybridge, VT 05753 Goodale77@hotmail.com

Organic vegetable and herb seedlings. (VOF)

# Suppliers of Certified Organic Planting Stock and Perennial Plants

#### **August's Harvest**

(877) 272-1742 4727 Road 130 RR#2 Gadskill ON NOK 1JO

www.augustsharvest.com

Organic garlic and shallots. (OCPP)

#### **Deep Grass Nursery**

(302) 398-4413 13847 Staytonville Rd. Greenwood, DE

www.deepgrassnursery.com

Organic potato slips and blueberry plants. (QCS)

#### **Elmore Roots Nursery**

(802) 888-3305 631 Symonds Mill Road Elmore, VT 05680 www.elmoreroots.com

Organic potted strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, elderberries, currants, gooseberries, fruit trees, nut trees, grape vines, kiwis and other stock. (VOF)

#### Fedco: Bulbs

(207) 426-9900 PO Box 520 Waterville, ME 04903 www.fedcoseeds.com

Some organic seed garlic. (MOFGA)

#### **Fedco: Moose Tubers**

(207) 426-9900 PO Box 520 Waterville, ME 04903 www.fedcoseeds.com Some organic potatoes. (various)

#### Filaree Farm

(509) 422-6940 182 Conconully Hwy. Okanogan, WA 98840-9974 www.filareefarm.com Organic garlic.(WSDA)

#### Garlic Store, The

(800) 854-7219 5313 Mail Creek Lane Fort Collins, CO 80525

<u>TheChiefClove@thegarlicstore.com</u> www.thegarlicstore.com

Some organic hardneck, softneck, and elephant garlic. (CDA)

### Irish Eyes / Garden City Seeds

(509) 933-7150 5043 Robinson Canyon Rd. Ellensburg, WA 98926 www.irish-eyes.com

Some organic seed potatoes and garlic. (MOFGA)

#### Johnny's Selected Seeds

(877) 564-6697
P.O. Box 299
Waterville, ME 04901
www.johnnyseeds.com

Some organic potatoes and garlic. (MOFGA)

#### Maine Potato Lady, The

(207) 717-5451 PO Box 65 Guilford, ME 04443 www.mainepotatolady.com

Some organic seed potatoes, onion sets, shallots and garlic. (MOFGA)

### **Mountain Valley Growers**

(559) 338-2775 38325 Pepperweed Road Squaw Valley, CA 93675 www.mountainvalleygrowers.com Organic strawberry plants and

# Sand Hill Preservation Center

asparagus crowns. (SCS)

(563) 246-2299 1878 230<sup>th</sup> Street Calamus, IA 52729 www.sandhillpreservation.com

Organic sweet potato slips. (IDA)

# **Seeds of Change**

(888) 762-7333
P.O. Box 4908
Rancho Dominguez, CA 90220
www.seedsofchange.com
Organic garlic, potatoes, asparagus
and strawberry crowns. (OT)

#### **Seed Savers Exchange**

(563) 382-5990 3094 North Winn Road Decorah, IA 52101 www.seedsavers.org

Some organic garlic and potatoes. (IDA)

### **Southern Exposure Seed Exchange**

(540) 894-9480 PO Box 460 Mineral, VA 23117 www.southernexposure.com

Some organic potato seed, garlic, shallots, and perennial onions. (QCS)

# <u>Suppliers of Certified Organic Planting Stock and Perennial Plants</u>

#### Territorial Seed Co.

(541) 942-9547 PO Box 158 Cottage Grove, OR 97421 www.territorial-seed.com Some organic garlic and potatoes. (STS)

# **Vermont Organic Plugs**

(802) 349-9325 4818 Snake Mountain Rd. Weybridge, VT 05753 Goodale77@hotmail.com Organic herb plugs. (VOF)

# **Wood Prairie Farm**

(800) 829-9765 49 Kinney Road Bridgewater, ME 04734 www.woodprarie.com

Organic seed potatoes. (MOFGA)

# <u>Certified Organic Seed and Planting Stock Sourcing Services</u>

# ATTRA—National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service

Managed by National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT)

**Directory of Organic Seed Suppliers** 

http://attra.ncat.org/attra-pub/organic seed/

An organic seed supplier database searchable by region, state or keyword. The buyer needs to ask to see his seed supplier's documentation, including organic certification. NCAT has not inspected certificates of any company listed herein or their certifiers, nor does the listing make or imply any claims about the trustworthiness or business practices of any company.

# **AOSCA—Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies**

AOSCA Organic Seed Finder www.organicseedfinder.org

The Organic Seed Finder is designed to help seed customers locate seed vendors that may offer the type and variety of organic seed they need. The customer determines the seed type and may narrow their search by selecting the characteristics provided for each crop. Characteristics may include maturity, color, end use, disease resistance, or many others and they will vary depending upon the seed type.

#### **OMRI Organic Seeds Database**

www.omri.org/seeds

Seed and planting stock listings can be searched in one of two ways: browsing by crop or by entering a search phrase. OMRI Seeds Database suppliers are certified "final handlers" for organic seed. Please verify the organic status of each variety by checking with the supplier directly before purchasing.

# **Certifier Codes:**

BOC
Baystate Organic Certifiers
CCOF
CCOF Certification Services, LLC
CDA
Colorado Department of Agriculture
CUC
Control Union Certifications, Netherlands

DPI Department of Plant Industry, Clemson University

ICO Indiana Certified Organic

ICS International Certification Services, Inc.

IDA Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship

MCIA Minnesota Crop Improvement Association

MOFGA Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association

MOSA Midwest Organic Services Association
NDA New Hampshire Department of Agriculture

NOFA-NY Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York OCPP Organic Crop Producers and Processors Ontario, Inc

OT Oregon Tilth

OCIA Organic Crop Improvement

PDA Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

QCS Quality Certification Services
SCS Scientific Certification Services
STS Stellar Certification Services, Inc.

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