

# Going Organic...

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- “The best way to predict your future is to create it!”

• **Abraham Lincoln**

**What will you do to create your future?**

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# Third Party Certifiers

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Let's talk about CCOF

California Certified Organic  
Farmers

- **The Organic Certification process:**
- 1. The NOP has 80 certifying agencies to choose from.
- 2. What is the NOP (National Organic Program)
- 3. How do you get certified?
- 4. Do you like paperwork?
- 5. Do you keep good records?

## Success is having a farming plan to follow

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- CCOF has a new grower package of documents
- CCOF has a Walk Thru Service available for a fee
  - What is an OSP
  - Do the 26 documents describe your farm?



The goal is  
to have  
your  
practices  
reflected in  
the OSP

- **Maintaining records.**
- **Common issues.**
- **The Parcel application-  
establishes the land's history.**
- **How can the USDA help you?**
- **Organic Certification cost  
share annual rebate.**

# The Initial Organic Inspection:

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- What to expect.
- Plan for several hours
- Have all of your documents ready.





## Maintaining Organic certification

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- Annual inspection
- The OSP is a living document.
- Farm Natural Resource observations must be recorded in text or photos.

# Is organic Certification right for you?

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- There is an initial cost and annual costs to maintain certification.

Remember the annual USDA Organic Certification cost share/rebate of up to \$ 500 of your annual costs.

- You will have an annual Organic inspection.

**Organic  
farmers  
love  
their  
soil.**

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**Look at all the online  
resources.**

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**CCOF.org**

**USDA is at Farmers.gov**

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**Make a difference - Go  
Organic.**