

BEING ORGANIC

APPLICATION, REGULATION, & COMPLIANCE

County of San Diego
Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures

Organic and Pesticide Regulation Programs



COUNTY ORGANIC PROGRAM

- Authority Delegated to the State of California from the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990
- Authority Delegated to the County of San Diego from the California Department of Food and Agriculture State Organic Program
(California Organic Products Act 2003)

County of San Diego contracted through CDFA to carry out inspections, sampling, and investigations.

*195 spot inspections
130 random samples
Investigations as needed*

HOW ARE ORGANIC OPERATIONS REGULATED?

- **National Organic Program (NOP) Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)**
- **California Organic Products Act of 2003 (COPA)**
 - **Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) Division 17 Chapter 10**
 - **California Code of Regulation (CCR) Article 6.1**
- **Registration – State of California**
 - **Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) 46022**
- **Certification – Third Party Certifying Agency**
 - **CFR 205.100**
- **Inspections (COSD-195/year)**
 - **FAC 46024(b)**



ORGANIC REGISTRATION

State Organic Registration

- Online application
 - Producer (365), handler/broker (76)
 - Fees vary depending on type of registration and gross sales

ONLINE PORTAL

- Company information
- Operation Type
- Site Information
- Commodities grown
- Certification Status
- Gross Sales



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD & AGRICULTURE
California Organic Program

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ORGANIC REGISTRATION: COMPANY INFORMATION

Please add or update your company information below. If you are adding a new registration and are certified or anticipating certification, use the same company name which you received or applied for certification.

* required fields

COMPANY INFORMATION

*Company Name:

*Phone: Fax:

*Primary County: Website:

Preferred method to renew registration: Online Mail (2-3 week processing time) [?](#)

COMPANY MAILING ADDRESS

*Address: Address 2:

*City: *State/ Province/ Region:

*Zip/ Postal Code: *Country:

COMPANY PHYSICAL ADDRESS

Same as Mailing (No P.O.Boxes)

*Address: Address 2:

*City: *State/ Province/ Region:

*Zip/ Postal Code: *Country:

OWNER INFORMATION

Prefix: First: MI: *Last: Suffix:

*Company Name:

Same as Company Mailing Address

Email: *Preferred Method of Contact:

Is the owner of this company a U.S. Veteran? Yes No (DD214 Required) [?](#)

Is the owner also the primary contact for this company? Yes No

FEES

- Sliding Scale for producers
- Annual \$100 fee for handlers

Gross Sales	Annual Registration Fee
0–4,999	\$25
5,000–10,000	\$50
10,001–50,000	\$75
50,001–250,000	\$100
250,001–500,000	\$450
500,001–1,000,000	\$750
1,000,001–2,500,000	\$1,000
2,500,001–5,000,000	\$1,500
5,000,001–15,000,000	\$2,000
15,000,001–25,000,000	\$2,500
25,000,001–and above	\$3,000

ORGANIC CERTIFICATION

- Required if selling more than \$5000 in gross sales
- Third Party Certifier –
 - Accredited
 - costs vary
 - grants available to assist producers to cover costs of certification
- 79% of organic operations in San Diego County are certified

ORGANIC INSPECTIONS

- Review Organic System Plan (only for certified organic operations)
 - Created between the operation and certifier
- Review recordkeeping – grower required to submit records within 72 hours of request
 - Application records
 - Producer
 - Handler/retailer
 - Harvest records
 - Sales records

ORGANIC INSPECTIONS

- Property Inspection
 - How do you improve the physical, chemical, and biological condition of the soil?
 - Cultivation practices
 - How do you prevent erosion?
 - How do you improve soil organic matter and not contribute to contamination of crops?
 - Addition of compost, mulch, fertilizer (90/120 day requirement)
 - How do you manage deficient or excess plant nutrients?
 - Leaf tissue analysis, fertilizers

ORGANIC INSPECTIONS

- **Property Inspection**

- **Pest Prevention**

- Producers- preventing weeds, insects, and disease
 - Creating a mulch layer to prevent weed seed germination
 - Creating habitat for beneficial insects
 - Handlers
 - Removal of pest habitat
 - Management of environmental factors

- **Pest Control**

- Producers- controlling weeds, insects, disease
 - Manual weeding, traps
 - Handlers
 - Traps, lures, and repellants

- When the practices for pest prevention and control are insufficient to prevent or control crop pests, weeds, and diseases, a biological or botanical substance or a substance included on the National List of synthetic substances allowed for use in organic crop production may be applied to prevent, suppress, or control pests, weeds, or diseases: *Provided*, That, the conditions for using the substance are documented in the organic system plan.
- **All pesticides must be either OMRI or WSDA listed and approved by your certifier prior to application.**

ORGANIC SAMPLING

Random sampling

- Collected at production, packing, wholesale, and retail.
- In FY 21/22 our Department collected 115 samples with 7 samples testing positive for pesticide residues.

RESOURCES

- CDFA Organic Website
[http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/i %26 c/organic.html](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/i%26c/organic.html)
(see link on right side for California Organic Products Act)
- National Organic Program
<https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic>
- CDFA Organic Input Materials Program
http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/is/ffldrs/fertilizer_OIM.html
- OMRI
<https://www.omri.org/>

QUESTIONS?



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