



# **Organic Certification Considerations**

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# Session Topics:



Recordkeeping



Inputs/Materials



Organic Production and Processing



Resources





## Recordkeeping Requirements...



- **§ 205.103 Recordkeeping by certified operations.**
- (a) A certified operation must maintain records concerning the production, harvesting, and handling of agricultural products that are or that are intended to be sold, labeled, or represented as “100 percent organic,” ...
- Fully disclose all activities and transactions of the certified operation, in sufficient detail as to be readily understood and audited; records must span the time of purchase or acquisition, through production, to sale or transport and be traceable back to the last certified operation;
- **So, what does this mean? You have heard about ‘all the records’ required to be certified organic....**





## **Recordkeeping Requirements....**

- **Records should be readily available and kept in real time (unannounced inspections)**
- **Seed and planting stock, purchases and sourcing activities**
- **Purchase receipts and application records for all inputs/materials: Date, location, rate, restrictions?**
- **Planting: all field activities, detailed harvest/storage/transportation records**
- **Comprehensive sales records**





# Inputs/Materials



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- **OMRI/CDFA/WSDA listing – what do they mean?**
- **Restrictions**
- **Intended use (e.g. fertilizer vs. healthcare)**
- **What about non-listed materials?**
- **How to submit info to certifier for review**





controls grass and weeds...sustainably  
**NON-SELECTIVE HERBICIDE**

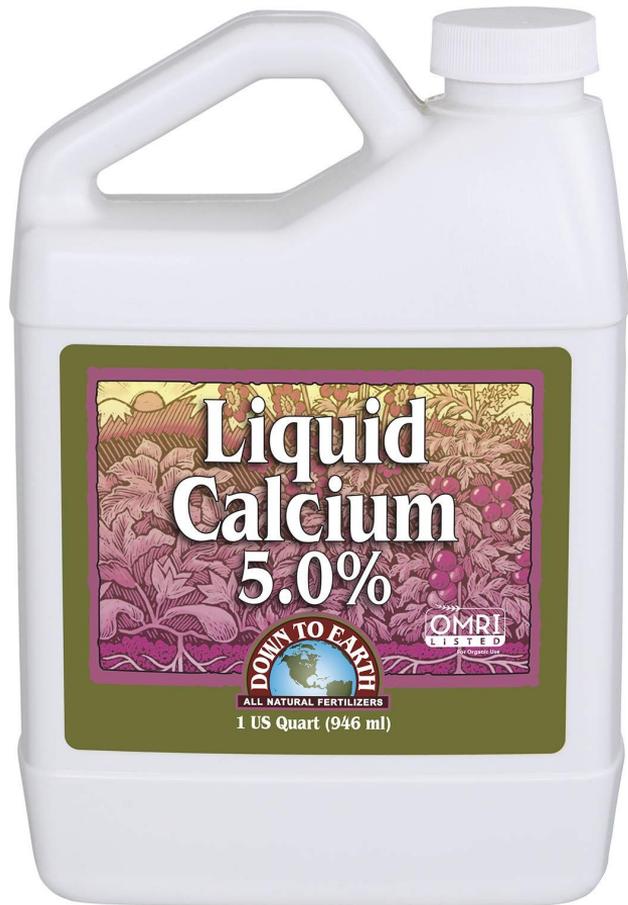


## Description

Broad spectrum, systemic natural herbicide

A unique herbicide made from Eugenol 6% an essential oil of cloves and molasses.

Works systemically – over time. Results are normally seen in about a week but can take up to 10 to 14 days.



## OMRI Listed®

The following product is OMRI Listed. It may be used in certified organic production or food processing and handling according to the USDA National Organic Program regulations.

### Product

Down To Earth Liquid Calcium 5.0%

### Company

Down To Earth Distributors, Inc.  
Adam Cole  
P.O. Box 1419  
Eugene OR 97440 United States

### Categories

NOP: Calcium Chloride

### Date Listed

6-Dec-2010

### Status

Allowed with Restrictions

### Product code

det-2319

### Use Class

Crop Fertilizers and Soil  
Amendments

### Expiration

1-Jun-2025

### Restrictions

For use as a foliar spray to treat a physiological disorder associated with calcium uptake.



## **Crop Production Considerations**

- 3 year land history documentation if self managed, attestation from prior manager if not under own management.
- Can leased land be certified? Absolutely, 3 year land history verification required.
- Treated Wood: new installations prohibited. Existing treated wood may not come in contact with crops/livestock. Contamination avoidance plan required in OSP.
- Seed/Seedlings: Organic seed must be used when available, Non-OG allowable if Untreated and Non-GMO (commercial search required). Seedlings must be certified organic.





# **Livestock Production Considerations**

- **Transitioning conventional livestock? Dairy operations allowed one time, 12 month herd transition.**
- **Animals intended for slaughter may not be transitioned. Ruminants must be managed organically from last third of gestation while Avian species from second day of life.**
- **Can my organic livestock products be handled in a non-certified slaughter/packaging facility? Handling facility must be certified organic, check the Organic Integrity Database to find a compliant facility near you.**





## **Processing organic crops or livestock products**

### **May be allowed under Crop Scope**

- Crop washing, sorting, drying, freezing of self produced crops.
- Transportation off-site, specialized seed cleaning equipment? Describe in OSP...

### **Requires Handling scope**

- Adding ingredients not self produced (salsa with added spices)
- On-farm slaughtering.





# Resources



Tilth.org website for certification information/FAQ



OMRI.org, [cdfa.ca.gov](http://cdfa.ca.gov) (Organic Input Material Program),  
[agr.wa.gov/organic](http://agr.wa.gov/organic) (Organic Input Material List) for  
Inputs/Materials information.



NOP: [www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic](http://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic)  
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