



Top US Certifiers — Your Path to Finding Authentic Organic Food

If you just look for the USDA Organic logo, you can't tell whether your food comes from a pioneering organic family farmer and their ethical marketing and processing partners or a giant livestock factory, industrial-scale hydroponic greenhouse, or untrustworthy importer from countries in Africa or Asia.



STEP 1: Shop Locally and Know Your Farmer/Producer

- 👁️ **Home Garden:** The freshest and most nutritious food
- 👁️ **Local Farmers Markets:** Your state department of agriculture should have a list.
- 👁️ **Community Supported Agriculture:** Get a fresh CSA box delivered weekly.
- 👁️ **Member-owned Food Co-ops or Local Independently Owned Grocers:** Most feature locally grown produce and will vet the local farmers for you.

When you meet the farmer at the market, sign up for a CSA, or buy from a food cooperative that knows their farmer-suppliers, you get the personal connection and integrity that you will never experience with an “organic” product from Walmart, Target, Costco, or a big grocery chain.

Online resources for locating farmers who sell direct include: Real Organic Project, Eat Wild, Local Harvest, and your state department of agriculture.

STEP 2: Choose the Best Brands by Choosing the Best Certifiers



Baystate Organic Certifiers
Global Organic Alliance, Inc. (GOA)
MOFGA Certification Services
NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC

OEFFA Certification
OneCert, Inc.
Oklahoma Department of
Agriculture, Food and Forestry

Organic Crop Improvement
Association (OCIA)
Vermont Organic Farmers, LLC
Yolo County Organic

Research by OrganicEye staff has identified highly respected certifiers that follow federal organic law and know giant livestock factories and industrial hydroponic greenhouses do not meet the legal definition of “organic.”

STEP 3: Flex Your Economic Muscles to Protect “Our” Organic Label

Make your voice heard by contacting the companies producing your favorite organic food. If they are paying one of the ethically challenged certifiers, tell them to switch — or they might lose you as a loyal customer.

OrganicEye will have ActionAlerts available soon to help make this process easier. • www.organiceye.org