

# **SCANDAL: Unmitigated Failure by USDA / Certifier and Other Labeling Schemes to Catch Grave Example of Greed and Systemic Fraud**



## **Alexandre Family Farm®**

[Named "Organic Farmer of the Year" by the lobbyists at the Organic Trade Association]

Documented widespread animal abuse and illegal practices, such as coating cattle with diesel fuel to control flies, and the alleged use of antibiotics to treat foot rot. Yet years of inspections, certification, and endorsements by the following organizations turned up nothing:



**USDA Organic**

**California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF)**

**Certified Humane**

**Regenerative Organic Alliance**  
(Regenerative Organic Certified)

**Cornucopia Institute**

**Real Organic Project**

(certifies eggs only; logo on website confusing)

**Organic Plus Trust**

(Certified Grass-Fed Organic Livestock Program)

**Savory Institute** (Land to Market)

**Validus Verification Services**

The USDA referred enforcement to the certifier, CCOF, that entered into a sweetheart deal allowing the scofflaws to continue to operate — with no fines or penalties.

## **AUTHENTIC ORGANICS: The Inside Story on Finding Trustworthy Food**

**There are thousands of trustworthy organic farms in the country, and hundreds of top brands.  
And it just takes a little more effort to identify them.**

Your best first option will always be local organic food. Member-owned grocery cooperatives, independent natural food stores, Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) subscriptions, farm stands, and farmers markets can all provide a direct conduit to local farmers and authentic organic food.

OrganicEye's resources can provide guidance, too: Kastel's Kitchen video series, our list of the top 10 trustworthy organic certifiers, and frequent updates at [www.organiceye.org](http://www.organiceye.org) and on OrganicEye social media.

Examples of top national brands (inspected by highly ethical certifiers: OCIA, OneCert, and MOFGA):



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**Eden Foods** (diversified groceries)   **Seven Stars** (yogurt)  
**Grandy Organics** (granola)   **Pure Indian Foods** (food, spices, and ghee)



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