

# Organic Certifiers

## Organic Crop Improvement Association (OCIA)

- OCIA is one of the world's oldest and largest organic certifiers. They are a member-owned, nonprofit, agriculture association. OCIA international provides organic certification services to thousands of organic farmers, processors and handlers from over 20 countries in North, Central and South America, Europe, Africa and Asia. (Source: [www.ocia.org](http://www.ocia.org))

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## Global Organic Alliance (GOA)

- Global Organic Alliance was established in 1997 and maintains ISO 65 and USDA accreditation and verifies compliance to EEC 2092/91 Regulation. GOA is also authorized to issue TM-11 Export Certificates to Japan. Attaining JAS accreditation is a very involved process which prevents us from speculating on the time frame when this will be achieved. (Source: [www.goa-online.org](http://www.goa-online.org))

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## International Certification Services, INC. (ICS)

- Farm Verified Organic (FVO) was conceived in 1979, the collaborative effort of a group of North Dakota growers, including Fred Kirschenmann, (who still maintains a leadership position with FVO), Michael Marcolla of the Mercantile Food Company, and Loek uit het Broek, who was a European authority on organic

agriculture and certification at the time. FVO's first certifications were issued in 1980.

- The early FVO was housed and supported during its infancy on the premises of Mercantile Food in Connecticut. The founders recognized this as a potential conflict of interest. Therefore FVO's Certification Committee, as the certification decision makers for the FVO Program, has always had the sole authority for certification decisions. (Source: [www.ics-intl.com](http://www.ics-intl.com))

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### **Midwest Organic Services Association, INC. (MOSA)**

- The purpose of the Midwest Organic Services Association is to offer high quality organic certification and verification services to farmers and processors primarily in the Midwestern United States.

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### **Indiana Certified Organic (ICO)**

- ICO is an organic certification agency operating across the US and the US Virgin Islands. ICO began offering organic certification in 1995 and was one of the first to be accredited by the National Organic Program. At this time ICO is NOP, ISO 65 and CAAQ accredited.

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### **Oregon Tilth Certified Organic**

- Oregon Tilth is a nonprofit organization supporting and promoting biologically sound and socially equitable agriculture through education, research, advocacy, and certification. Oregon Tilth advocates sustainable approaches to agricultural production systems and processing, handling and marketing.
- Oregon Tilth's purpose is to educate gardeners, farmers, legislators, and the general public about the need to develop and use sustainable growing practices that promote soil health, conserve natural resources, and prevent environmental degradation while producing a clean and healthful food supply for humanity.

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#### **Quality Assurance International (QAI)**

- Since 1989, QAI's diligence, at every link in the organic production chain, continues to provide assurance that the actual product destined to enter into market distribution is indeed organic.
- QAI is committed to the ongoing education of the organic community and consumers. For this reason, our experienced QAI staff members are often asked to present information on organic certification to various industry groups. We at QAI welcome the opportunity to collaborate with our clients through presentations or by providing published materials on organic issues. For more information please contact us by e-mail [gai@qai-inc.com](mailto:gai@qai-inc.com), or contact us by phone at 858.792.3531.

#### Mission Statement

- Verifying organic integrity to meet strict standards.
- Certifying organic growers, processors, traders and distributors in an efficient, timely manner.
- Certifying immediately to new federal standard under the National Organic Program (NOP).
- Ease of client certification through a streamlined step-by-step application process.
- Providing superior, professional assistance and support for expeditious certification renewal.
- Fostering sustainable agriculture.

- Promoting a healthy planet.  
(Source: [www.qai-inc.com](http://www.qai-inc.com))

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**Steller Certification Service, INC.**

- Demeter® USA is the only certification agent for Biodynamic® farms, processors and products in the United States. As a non-profit organization, Demeter's mission is to improve the health of the planet and its people by providing certification of products whose ingredients are grown and processed according to the highest agricultural and environmental standards. From farm to market, only those companies that consistently meet these standards are permitted to display the Demeter certification mark. (Source: [www.demeter-usa.org](http://www.demeter-usa.org))

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