

Organic Seed Search Verification

Business Information

Company:	Phone:		
Contact:	Email:		
Address:			
Street	City	State	Zip

Certified operations may use non-organic seed and planting stock only if equivalent organically produced varieties of organic seeds and planting stock are not commercially available. Considerations Below.

* Commercial availability is defined at § 205.2 and refers to the ability to obtain a production input, in this case seed or planting stock, in an appropriate form, quality, or quantity to fulfill an essential function in organic production. For the purposes of this exception, an "equivalent variety" is a variety of the same "type" (e.g. head lettuce types versus leaf lettuce types) or has similar agronomic or marketing characteristics needed to meet site specific requirements for an operation. These characteristics may include, but are not limited to: number of days until harvest; color, flavor, moisture, chemical, or nutrient profiles of the variety of the harvested crop; vigor or yield of harvested crop; regional adaptation, disease and pest resistance, or the plant's utility in a crop rotation.

*The following considerations could be acceptable to justify use of non-organic seeds and planting stock as not commercially available. These considerations must be described by the operation in their organic system plan (OSP), pursuant to § 205.201(a)(2), and approved by the certifying agent.

Quality Considerations: Examples may include, but are not limited to, germination rate of the seed; presence of weed seeds in the seed mix; shelf life and stability of the seeds; and disease and pest resistance.

Quantity Considerations: Producers may provide evidence that quantities are not available in sufficiently large or small amounts given the scale of the operation.

Seed Record

Provide a list of all non-organic seed stock used, and the justification for their use including lack of equivalent variety, form, quality or quantity considerations.

Crop	Variety	Reason
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Search & Procurement Method

Please list a minimum of three seed companies, the date they were contacted, and the method used to contact.

*Evidence of efforts made to source organic seed, including documentation of contact with three or more seed or planting stock sources to ascertain the availability of equivalent organic seed or planting stock. Sources should include companies that offer organic seeds and planting stock.

*Records may include, but are not limited to: letters, faxes, email correspondence, and phone logs from seed suppliers and companies; seed catalogs; searches of organic seed databases; receipts; receiving documents, invoices, and inventory control documents.

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Grower Statement

I verify that I understand the basic requirements to use non-organic seed stock, and that the information provided is accurate. This seed has been provided to Northwest Transplants, LLC for Organic Seedling Production.

Name:	Signature:	Date:
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This seed and documentation was received by Northwest Transplants. The documentation and seed has been reviewed to ensure all required information is present.

NWT Representative:	Signature:	Date:
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Resource:

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic/handbook/5029#:~:text=The%20USDA%20organic%20regulations%20at, varieties%20are%20not%20commercially%20available.>

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