
Policy Memorandum

To: Stakeholders and Interested Parties

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TO: All USDA Accredited Certifying Agents

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SUBJECT: Certification of agricultural products that meet NOP standards

The National Organic Program (NOP) has received numerous inquiries regarding its current thinking on the issue of products that meet the NOP program standards for organic products based on content, irrespective of the end use of the product. This statement is intended to clarify the NOP's position with respect to this issue, and will be provided to all of our accredited certifying agents.

Agricultural commodities or products that meet the NOP standards for certification under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, 7 U.S.C. §§ 6501-6522, can be certified under the NOP and be labeled as "organic" or "made with organic" pursuant to the NOP regulations, 7 C.F.R. part 205.300 et seq. To qualify for certification, the producer or handler must comply with all applicable NOP production, handling, and labeling regulations.

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