



# **Organic Certification Considerations**

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# Session Topics:



Recordkeeping



Inputs/Materials



Organic Production and Processing



Resources





# Recordkeeping Requirements...



- **§ 205.103 Recordkeeping by certified operations.**
- (a) A certified operation must maintain records concerning the production, harvesting, and handling of agricultural products that are or that are intended to be sold, labeled, or represented as “100 percent organic,”...
- Fully disclose all activities and transactions of the certified operation, in sufficient detail as to be readily understood and audited; records must span the time of purchase or acquisition, through production, to sale or transport and be traceable back to the last certified operation;
- **So, what does this mean? You have heard about ‘all the records’ required to be certified organic....**







## **Recordkeeping Requirements....**

- **Records should be readily available and kept in real time (unannounced inspections)**
- **Seed and planting stock, purchases and sourcing activities**
- **Purchase receipts and application records for all inputs/materials: Date, location, rate, restrictions?**
- **Planting: all field activities, detailed harvest/storage/transportation records**
- **Comprehensive sales records**







# Inputs/Materials



- OMRI/CDFA/WSDA listing – what do they mean?
- Restrictions
- Intended use (e.g. fertilizer vs. healthcare)
- What about non-listed materials?
- How to submit info to certifier for review





controls grass and weeds...sustainably  
**NON-SELECTIVE HERBICIDE**



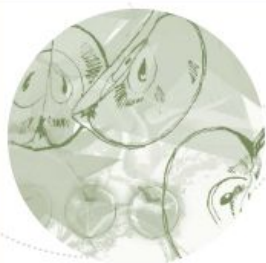
## Description

Broad spectrum, systemic natural herbicide

A unique herbicide made from Eugenol 6% an essential oil of cloves and molasses.

Works systemically – over time. Results are normally seen in about a week but can take up to 10 to 14 days.





## OMRI Listed®

The following product is OMRI Listed. It may be used in certified organic production or food processing and handling according to the USDA National Organic Program regulations.

### Product

Down To Earth Liquid Calcium 5.0%

### Company

Down To Earth Distributors, Inc.  
Adam Cole  
P.O. Box 1419  
Eugene OR 97440 United States

### Status

Allowed with Restrictions

### Categories

NOP: Calcium Chloride

### Date Listed

6-Dec-2010

### Product code

det-2319

### Use Class

Crop Fertilizers and Soil  
Amendments

### Expiration

1-Jun-2025

### Restrictions

For use as a foliar spray to treat a physiological disorder associated with calcium uptake.





## **Crop Production Considerations**

- 3 year land history documentation if self managed, attestation from prior manager if not under own management.
- Can leased land be certified? Absolutely, 3 year land history verification required.
- Treated Wood: new installations prohibited. Existing treated wood may not come in contact with crops/livestock. Contamination avoidance plan required in OSP.
- Seed/Seedlings: Organic seed must be used when available, Non-OG allowable if Untreated and Non-GMO (commercial search required). Seedlings must be certified organic.





# **Livestock Production Considerations**

- **Transitioning conventional livestock? Dairy operations allowed one time, 12 month herd transition.**
- **Animals intended for slaughter may not be transitioned. Ruminants must be managed organically from last third of gestation while Avian species from second day of life.**
- **Can my organic livestock products be handled in a non-certified slaughter/packaging facility? Handling facility must be certified organic, check the Organic Integrity Database to find a compliant facility near you.**







## **Processing organic crops or livestock products**

### **May be allowed under Crop Scope**

- Crop washing, sorting, drying, freezing of self produced crops.
- Transportation off-site, specialized seed cleaning equipment? Describe in OSP...

### **Requires Handling scope**

- Adding ingredients not self produced (salsa with added spices)
- On-farm slaughtering.







# Resources



Tilth.org website for certification information/FAQ



OMRI.org, [cdfa.ca.gov](http://cdfa.ca.gov) (Organic Input Material Program),  
[agr.wa.gov/organic](http://agr.wa.gov/organic) (Organic Input Material List) for  
Inputs/Materials information.



NOP: [www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic](http://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic)  
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