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### **What is organic certification?**

Certification is the process whereby a producer or handler is approved by an ACA as being in compliance with the NOP regulations and is then authorized to sell, label, or represent products as being “Certified Organic.”

### **Where does MCIA get its authority?**

MCIA is an Accredited Certifying Agent (ACA) authorized by the USDA National Organic Program (NOP). MCIA is authorized to provide organic certification services to producers, handlers, and processors.

### **Who uses MCIA organic certification services?**

Operations certified by MCIA include food processors, distributors, retailers, agricultural handling facilities, wild crop collectors, livestock producers, and field crop, vegetable, and fruit producers.



### **Why use MCIA as your organic certifier?**

MCIA provides its clients with a user-friendly, efficient, cost-effective certification process. MCIA’s service-oriented staff is available to provide prompt, professional assistance to help organic producers and handlers understand organic program requirements and guide them through the organic certification process.

### **How do you complete organic certification?**

The Certification process requires an application, inspection, and review to determine if a producer or handler is in compliance with the NOP regulations. Upon completion of the process the operation is then authorized to sell, label, or represent products as being “Certified Organic.” All operations must apply and be inspected annually.



For more information, call MCIA or visit our web site at [www.mncia.org](http://www.mncia.org)

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