

ORGANIC SEED USE

There are often questions regarding the requirement for the use of organic seed and other planting stocks in organic production systems. NOP §205.204 states that an organic “producer must use organically grown seeds, annual seedlings, and planting stock, Except, That, (1) Nonorganically produced, untreated seeds and planting stock may be used to produce an organic crop when an equivalent organically produced variety is not commercially available,” and “(4) Nonorganically produced planting stock to be used to produce a perennial crop may be sold, labeled, or represented as organically produced only after the planting stock has been maintained under a system of organic management for a period of no less than 1 year.”

Most certifiers require organic producers to conduct thorough and diligent searches for organic seed before authorizing the use of non-organic seed. Consult the list of producers in this directory to locate seed and to identify seed conditioners that have been certified to process organic seed. However, not all sources of organic seed are listed and it must be understood that seed availability changes throughout the season. Call MCIA if you need assistance in locating organic seed.

It is important to remember that producing high quality seed (whether conventional or organic) requires planning, use of effective production practices and proper handling and conditioning methods. MCIA provides certification, quality assurance

and other services for seed producers and conditioners and can provide assistance to those interested in getting started in organic seed production. Contact MCIA for information on seed production practices and requirements. MCIA’s website, www.mncia.org, contains information on MCIA programs and services available to seed producers.

Those wishing to offer organic seed for sale must understand and meet federal and state seed law labeling and other requirements pertaining to seed in addition to the organic requirements. For information about selling seed in Minnesota, please refer to the following Minnesota Department of Agriculture website: <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/licenses/types/seed.aspx>.

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Soybeans



MN0810CN
MN1312CN
MN1806CN

*Conventional varieties
suitable for non-GMO
and organic markets*

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CERTIFIED ORGANIC SEED SELLERS & SEED CONDITIONERS

PRODUCER/CONDITIONER, CONTACT INFORMATION

SERVICES PROVIDED, ORGANIC SEED SOLD

AgraSky, LLC

1414 County Road 1, Morris, MN 56267
320-795-2468

Conditioner of organic seed and organic food beans and grains; shipper of organic, food-grade dry beans and grains and organic seeds; HACCP food safety program with BRC and AIB; market facilitator for growers

Albert Lea Seed, Inc.

1414 W Main St, PO Box 127, Albert Lea, MN 56007
507-373-3161
www.alseed.com

Organic seed conditioner
Full line of organic and non-GMO farm seed including: Viking corn, Viking soybeans, Viking alfalfa, small grains, clovers, grasses, cover crops, forages, and garden seed

Baird Seed Company

1122 Knox Hwy 18, Williamsfield, IL 61489
309-639-2248 • bsc@mymctc.net

Organic seed conditioner

Buckwheat Growers Association

206 Aldrich Ave SE, Wadena, MN 56482
218-631-9212
www.buckwheatgrowers.com

Organic seed conditioner
Barley, buckwheat, hairy vetch, oats, and rye

C3 Seeds

11025 M-140, Niles, MI 49120
269-362-2059 • www.c3seeds.com

Organic seed conditioner

Capistran Seed Company

19380 270th St SW, Crookston, MN 56716
218-281-7840

Organic seed conditioner

Chippewa Valley Bean

N2960 730th St, Menomonie, WI 54751
715-664-8342

Organic seed conditioner

Falk's Seed Farm

1170 Hwy 9 NE, Murdock, MN 56271
320-875-4341

Organic seed conditioner
Full line of organic seed

Hanson Seeds

68276 County Road 16, Fairfax, MN 55332
507-828-3728

Organic seed conditioner
Blue River line of corn, soybeans, silage corn, alfalfa, and grass seed

Harrington Seeds, Inc.

2586 Bradleyville Rd, Reese, MI 48757
989-868-4750

Organic seed conditioner
Zenith and Zorro black bean seed and edible soybeans

Meadowland Soy

25333 710th Ave, Grand Meadow, MN 55936
507-459-5151 • meadowlandsoy@gmail.com
www.meadowlandsoy.com

Organic seed conditioner
Buyer of food-grade, non-GMO and organic soybeans
Supplier of food-grade, non-GMO soybean seed

Michigan Crop Improvement Assn.

PO Box 21008, Lansing, MI 48909
517-332-3546

Organic seed conditioner

Olson, Jonathan

3415 County Rd 9, Cottonwood, MN 56229
507-829-1225 • jofairviewfarms@gmail.com

Bolles, Glenn, Lang-MN, and Shelly wheat; Quest barley; triticale; Viking and IA1029 soybeans; yellow corn; and alfalfa

Sawvell's Seed, Inc.

211 Pine St, Clements, MN 56224
507-692-2240 • sawvellseed@hotmail.com

Organic seed conditioner
Can obtain organic seed for growers

Soyko International, Inc.

2493 380th St, Gary, MN 56545
218-356-8214

Organic seed conditioner
AC Greenfix chickling vetch, soybeans, wheat, barley, and rye