

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. It must be understood that seed availability changes throughout the season and year-to-year. 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 web page: <https://www.mda.state.mn.us/plants-insects/buying-and-selling-seed-minnesota>.

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

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.

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
www.cvbean.com

Organic seed conditioner.

Falk's Seed Farm

1170 Hwy 9 NE, Murdock MN 56271
320-875-4341
www.falkseed.com

Organic seed conditioner.
Full line of organic seed.

Haberer Seed Farms/Haberer Foods International, Inc.

14710 County Road 1, Morris MN 56267
320-795-2468
www.habererfoods.com

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.

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. Licensed handler/conditioner for organic commercial grain hemp. Supplier of food-grade, non-GMO soybean seed

Michigan Crop Improvement Association

PO Box 21008, Lansing MI 48909
517-332-3546
www.michcrop.com

Organic seed conditioner. BRC Global Standard for Food Safety certified.

Olson, Jonathan

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

Bolles, Lang-MN, and Shelly wheat; 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
www.soykointernational.com

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