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## What is the Non-GMO Grain Traceability Program?

Minnesota Crop Improvement Association's (MCIA) Non-GMO Grain Traceability Program provides an unbiased verification of the processes used to maintain non-GMO integrity of grain from the field to the final sale, including crop production, harvesting, conditioning, and final packaging.

## How does the Non-GMO Grain Traceability Program work?

MCIA's staff provides education and training of program standards to clients who wish to participate. Clients' documentation, conditioning, and handling procedures are reviewed for completeness. An audit is performed to verify conformance to the program standards. Upon successful completion of the audit, MCIA issues a Certificate of Compliance.

## Why verify Non-GMO grain?

Consumer interest in the consumption of non-GMO grain is increasing. This reflects a growing trade of such products in domestic and foreign commerce. Consumers often demand an unbiased process verification of non-GMO grain production and handling. MCIA's Non-GMO Grain Traceability Program is designed to meet this market demand.



## What experience does MCIA have to carry out inspections and audits for this program?

MCIA has built a sound reputation for quality, integrity, and customer service. We have been in the seed inspection business since 1903, and established grain traceability standards in 1996. Our staff includes a number of certified ISO 9001-2008 Lead Auditors who regularly perform unbiased audit and inspection services. MCIA inspects well over 250,000 acres of crops each year. In addition, MCIA serves as a accredited agent of the USDA National Organic Program, certifying a broad range of organic products.

## Need a government-issued Certificate of Compliance?

This program has also been developed in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA). If requested, MDA will issue a Certificate of Compliance from the state of Minnesota indicating the applicant has met the MCIA Non-GMO Grain Traceability Program requirements. This government-issued document will help facilitate grain trade in domestic and international markets.



**CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**

This verifies that  
**ABC Grain Company**  
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has met the requirements established under the  
MCIA Non-GMO Grain Traceability Program.

PRODUCT: Advance Pro soybeans  
YEAR CROP GROWN: 2015  
MINIMUM NON-GMO LEVEL: 99.8%  
PURCHASING COMPANY: Buyer's Name Foods  
CERTIFICATE NUMBER: 160001-01

March 1, 2016  
Issuing Date

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

\_\_\_\_\_ referenced by \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ has been process-verified \_\_\_\_\_ Association (MCIA) through on- \_\_\_\_\_ ing as Non-GMO. \_\_\_\_\_ meets the level of Non- \_\_\_\_\_ above % \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Culture Seal

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The holder of this certificate warrants that the process verified producer will maintain its Non-GMO level (as stated above) during transportation and storage. Minnesota Crop Improvement Association is not liable beyond the process and sample certification program parameters.

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

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