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## **What is organic certification?**

Certification is the process whereby an operation is approved by an Accredited Certifying Agent (ACA) as being in compliance with the USDA National Organic Program regulations and is then authorized to sell, label, or represent products as being “Certified Organic.”

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

MCIA is an ACA accredited by the USDA National Organic Program. MCIA is authorized to provide organic certification services to crop and livestock producers, handlers and processors, and wild crop harvesters.

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

Operations certified by MCIA include food processors, distributors, retailers, agricultural handling facilities, wild crop harvesters, 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 our clients understand organic program requirements and guide them through the certification process.

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

The organic certification process requires an application, inspection, and review to determine if an operation is in compliance with the National Organic Program regulations. Upon completion of the process and payment of fees due, 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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## ORGANIC SEED USE

There are often questions regarding the requirements 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) Non-organically 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.” All annual seedlings/transplants must be certified organic.

The organic regulations require organic producers to conduct thorough and diligent searches for organic seed before authorizing the use of non-organic seed. The list of operations in this directory can be used as a resource for organic and transitioning operations to locate seed and to identify seed conditioners that have been certified to process organic seed. Other organic seed sellers can be found on the Internet or from MCIA. Organic seed avail-

ability changes throughout the season and year-to-year. Call MCIA if you need assistance 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 seed 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](http://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>.



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## CERTIFIED ORGANIC SEED SELLERS & SEED CONDITIONERS

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<b>ILLINOIS</b>	<b>MINNESOTA</b>
<b>Baird Seed Company</b> ..... 309-639-2248 1122 Knox Hwy 18, Williamsfield, IL 61489 bsc@mymctc.net Organic seed conditioner	<b>Albert Lea Seed, Inc.</b> ..... 800-352-5247 1414 W Main St, Albert Lea, MN 56007 www.alseed.com Organic seed conditioner Full line of organic and non-GMO farm seed including: Blue River organic corn, soybeans, and alfalfa. Viking non-GMO corn, soybeans, and alfalfa. Supplier of organic and non-GMO small grains, clovers, forage grasses, summer annual forages, cover crops, and garden seed.
<b>Midwest Grass and Forage</b> ..... 309-837-1820 1300 E University Drive, Macomb, IL 61455 www.midwestgrass.com Full line of organic seed	<b>Capistran Seed Company</b> ..... 218-891-7840 19380 270th St SW, Crookston, MN 56716 Organic seed conditioner
<b>IOWA</b>	<b>Clements Seed LLC</b> ..... 507-692-2240 211 Pine St, Clements, MN 56224 clementsseedllc@outlook.com Organic seed conditioner Can obtain organic seed for growers
<b>Miller Hybrids, Inc.</b> ..... 319-656-2532 1213 Larch Ave, Kalona, IA 52247 millerhybrids.com Full line of organic corn and soybean seed	<b>Falk's Seed Farm</b> ..... 320-875-4341 1170 Hwy 9 NE, Murdock, MN 56271 www.falkseed.com Organic seed conditioner Full line of organic seed
<b>Encore Genetics, LLC</b> ..... 515-988-4147 27089 Timber Rd, Kelley, IA 50134 Organic seed conditioner	<b>Friederichs Seed Inc.</b> ..... 218-643-5612 3159 State Hwy 210, Foxhome, MN 56520 bradley@friederichsseed.com christine@friederichsseed.com Organic seed conditioner
<b>MICHIGAN</b>	<b>Hanson Seeds</b> ..... 507-828-3728 68276 County Road 16, Fairfax, MN 55332 Organic seed conditioner Blue River line of corn, soybeans, silage corn, alfalfa, and grass seed.
<b>C3 Seeds</b> ..... 269-362-2059 11025 M-140, Niles, MI 49120 www.c3seeds.com Organic seed conditioner	<b>Olson, Jonathan and Carolyn</b> ..... 507-829-1225 3415 County Rd 9, Cottonwood, MN 56229 jofairviewfarms@gmail.com Wheat and Blue River corn and soybeans. Albert Lea seed Dealer
<b>Harrington Seed, LLC</b> ..... 989-868-4750 2576 S Bradleyville Rd, Reese, MI 48757 Organic seed conditioner	<b>Richland IFC, Inc.</b> ..... 218-643-1797 100 10th St N, Breckenridge, MN 56520 www.richlandifc.com jake@richlandifc.com Organic seed conditioner
<b>Michigan Crop Improvement Association</b> ..... 517-332-3546 2905 Jolly Rd, Okemos, MI 48864 www.michcrop.com Organic seed conditioner BRC Global Standard for Food Safety certified.	

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AC Greenfix chickling vetch, soybeans, wheat, barley,  
and rye.

**Speltz Farms, Inc (Keith Speltz)** .....507-689-2644

19457 County Road 28, Altura, MN 55910

Aroostock rye

**Werner Seed Company** .....507-645-7995

3080 Millersburg Blvd E, Dundas, MN 55019

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