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Is the WSDA Brand Name Material List accepted outside of Washington State?

On March 5, 2008, the USDA sent a memo to all USDA certifying agents regarding the verification of materials used under the National Organic Program. The National Organic Program amended its policy to allow accredited certifying agents (ACAs) to consult with other ACAs to determine the acceptability of formulated (branded) products.

http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRDC5066877&acct=nopgeninfo

As of December 2, 2008, the following Accredited Certifying Agents have signed a Materials Evaluation and Registration Recognition Agreement with the Washington State Department of Agriculture. This agreement allows the ACA to use the WSDA Brand Name Material List as a resource for input materials approved for use in organic agricultural production and processing.

Agricultural Services Certified Organic

Canadian Seed Institute dba Centre for Systems Integration

CCOF Certification Services, LLC

Colorado Department of Agriculture

Global Culture LLC

Global Organic Alliance, Inc.

Hawaii Organic Farmers Association (HOFA)

Indiana Certified Organic LLC

International Certification Services

Kentucky Department of Agriculture

Maryland Department of Agriculture

MOFGA Certification Services LLC

Monterey County Certified Organic

Nevada Department of Agriculture

New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food

New Jersey Department of Agriculture

New Mexico Organic Commodity Commission

Oklahoma Department of Agriculture

Organic National & International Certifiers

Pennsylvania Certified Organic

Quality Assurance International (QAI)

Quality Certification Services (QCS)

Each ACA is ultimately responsible for the decision to allow the use of materials on the WSDA Brand Name Material List. Operators certified by a certification agency other than the WSDA should check with their certifier prior to the use of any material.