

Organic Certification Resources and Requirements for Uncertified Operations

USDA National Organic Program (NOP) “Sound & Sensible” resources:

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/reports/sound-sensible>

Including:

- Organic Value Proposition—Why Go Organic and Where to Start;
- Outreach and Education for Candidate Farmers;
- Understanding Rules, Certification, and Inspections: Certification:

HOW TO: Understanding Exemptions from Organic Certification: What farms and businesses are exempt from organic certification?

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/2%20Exempt%20Producers%20FINAL%20RGK%20V2.pdf>

USDA NOP Standards (federal regulations):

https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=3f34f4c22f9aa8e6d9864cc2683cea02&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title07/7cfr205_main_02.tpl

NOP Handbook Instruction NOP 4009 - Who Needs to be Certified?

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/4009.pdf>

NOP Questions and Answers: Who Needs to Be Certified?

https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/who_needs_to_be_certified.pdf

NOP Handbook Guidance NOP 5031 – Certification Requirements for Handling Unpackaged Organic Products

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/5031.pdf>