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### Organic Agricultural Products: Marketing & Trade Resources

### I. Introduction

#### About this Guide

The market for organic products in the U.S. and around the world has been growing steadily during the past 15 years. Until recently, information about organic markets, marketing and international trade was scarce and difficult to find. The availability of this data and related information is increasing; however, it remains an elusive target for several reasons.

- ◆ Traditionally, the organic market sector has been small and dominated by small producers and processors who used farm direct or specialized market outlets. ["Organic Marketing Features Fresh Food and Direct Exchange," by Catherine Greene, Carolyn Dimitri, and Nessa Richman. In *Food Review* (January 2001-April 2001), vol. 24, no. 1] Although information about growing crops and raising livestock organically has increased considerably during the past 10 years, accessible information about markets and marketing has developed less quickly.
- ◆ "Organic product" covers a wide range of commodities, including fresh produce; processed vegetables, fruits and grains; meat, egg and dairy products; livestock feed; fiber and textiles; herbs; and more. In terms of market channels, consumers, and handling and labeling requirements, each commodity shares characteristics of its conventional counterpart as well as occupying its niche in the organic marketplace. Integrating information about both is difficult.
- ◆ Perhaps most importantly, the definition of what constituted an organic product has varied widely. Organic certification was voluntary in most states. And the requirements for organic production and handling were different from certifying agency to agency. Some states provided guidance on the definition of what could be labeled organic; most did not. The ambiguities, at least in the U.S. marketplace, were directly addressed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Organic Standards implemented in 2002.

The aim of this publication is to document the range and depth of legal, economic and social issues involved in marketing and trading organic agricultural products, using references to published data and information resources as "indicators." On a practical level, this guide provides an informational starting place for entrepreneurs who are considering an organic enterprise, and for producers of organic commodities researching potential and best markets for their products. It also points to individual informational tools that answer specific questions about market suppliers and outlets, market research and regulatory programs. Access or availability information is included with each listing. The references were located by searching bibliographic and research databases; organizational, agency and commercial catalogs and web sites; journals, newsletters and listservs; commercial directories; and other sources.

Organizing a publication about marketing and trade endeavors is a complicated task. The subject of marketing is multi-layered, especially in the organic sphere. Where does information about marketing channels leave off and that about consumer preferences start? Where do organic labeling requirements mesh with those of other USDA, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and state requirements? In addition, information comes in dozens of formats with different accessibility levels and reliability

indicators - print, online, CDROM, video, free, fee-based, research-based and anecdotal. A one-size-fits-all guide to organic marketing is impossible. Except for Part 1, which deals with laws and legislative text, this publication is arranged by type of information, and then by topic.

Every effort has been made to reflect all aspects of organic marketing and trading resources. The guide is not comprehensive, but includes selected representative sources in each category. *Individual resources listed here were selected on the basis of ready availability, especially those that are free and online; of publication date - within the last five years; and of applicability to the U.S. audience.* In a constantly changing informational scene, it is very important to remain aware of how to find more and updated information. Numerous tools appear here that are updated on a regular basis, or that can lead the searcher to updated and/or additional data.

#### Consequences of Organic Standards in the Marketplace

As of October 21, 2002, any agricultural commodity or product, whether raw or processed, including any commodity or product derived from livestock labeled "organic" must be in compliance with the national organic standards. The word "organic" on products for sale in the U.S. will mean that the ingredients and production methods have been verified by a USDA-accredited certification agency as meeting USDA standards for organic production.

The USDA standards, as mandated by the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, were developed and are administered by USDA's National Organic Program (NOP). Essentially, the standards offer a uniform national definition for the term "organic." They detail the methods, practices, and substances that can be used in producing and handling organic crops and livestock, as well as processed products, and establish clear organic labeling criteria. They specifically prohibit the use of toxic synthetic pesticides and fertilizers, genetic engineering methods, ionizing radiation, and sewage sludge for fertilization. The standards also regulate the entry of products labeled "organic" into the United States from other countries. Verification that products meet the USDA standards is accomplished through USDA-accredited private and state certification agencies. In the future, the NOP may engage in additional rule making to clarify the application of the existing regulations to specific products, classes of products, or production systems.

The regulation of the term "organic" in the commercial sector has many implications for those who market and sell organic food and non-food products in the U.S. or internationally. Specifically, the rule addresses:

- ◆ Packaging labels denoting product with 100 percent organic ingredients, product with 95-100 percent organic ingredients, product made with at least 70 percent organic ingredients, and product with less than 70 percent organic ingredients
- Packaging labels for product being exported from the U.S.
- ◆ An official USDA "certified organic" seal
- Private and state agents who may certify organic product

Standards for processing, handling and labeling organic products include all steps in the process, including the receiving of organic raw materials, processing aids and ingredients, packaging materials and labeling, as well as cleaning methods, waste disposal, and pest management at processing facilities.

Each step in the process may be reviewed by a USDA-approved agent. Certification includes important record-keeping requirements that enable verification of all the steps resulting in an organic product:

- ♦ Clear documentation of the methods and materials used in production
- ◆ A paper trail tracing a product back to its production site, in order to verify the methods and materials used in its production

Upon the announcement of the final USDA National Organic Standards, the Organic Trade Association (OTA) declared that the new rules would "strengthen consumer confidence in U.S. organic products both domestically and internationally." OTA's Katherine DiMatteo added, "Not only will U.S. consumers benefit, but U.S. trading partners will have the reassurance that products certified as organic have met strict criteria and certification agents have been approved by USDA. Organic agriculture is here to stay, and will continue to contribute to the growth of family farms, to the U.S. economy, and to a safer environment worldwide..." [OTA Press Release, December 2000, http://www.ota.com/news/press/65.html]

Since implementation of the USDA Standards, "more than one-half of Americans (54 percent) have tried organic foods, with nearly one-third (29 percent) claiming to consume more organic foods and beverages than one year ago, according to the 2003 Whole Foods Market Organic Foods Trend Tracker. In addition, Americans are expanding their horizons beyond traditional gateways to organic foods such as produce and dairy. The survey, which was released one year after the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Organic Standards went into effect, shows organic options including snacks, ready-to-go and packaged goods have increased in the last year. In addition, across all product channels, sales of 100 percent 'certified organic' products are growing at 21 percent, according to data released this month by SPINS." [Whole Foods Market Press Release, Oct. 14, 2003, http://www.wholefoods.com/company/pr 10-14-03.html]

Legal standards have spurred many changes within the already quickly evolving worlds of organic farming and organic marketing. There are market-related "trends" everywhere as large, corporate interests and venture capital become involved; as distribution channels expand to include conventional grocery stores and chains; and as consumer awareness adjusts to a growing range of eco-labeling options related to environmental issues, farmland preservation, local food distribution, and food safety issues.

Aside from supporting increased sales and market share for organic products, the USDA standards and accompanying government rule making has and will continue to have other, associated consequences. What impact will increased certification fees and paperwork have on small-scale producers? How will U.S. standards be "harmonized" with other nation's requirements? Can the environmental and social issues that gave birth to the organic movement continue to be addressed as large corporations enter the market? What will happen to price premia for farmers as organic becomes more mainstream? Where will local food distribution systems, small producer niche markets, and "fair trade" fit in? In this very new and dynamic interaction, there are many changes and challenges on the horizon.

#### Disclaimers

This publication is not intended as a definitive guide to the Federal rule's marketing provisions or to developing a fail-proof business or marketing plan. Although we have tried to provide the most current and correct information available, the Alternative Farming Systems Information Center does not assume any legal liability or responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of the information resources presented.

Internet links to people, web sites and documents change constantly; the links in this document were checked and accessed successfully on February 14, 2004.

For more information about specific aspects of the Federal organic standards and their administration, please contact a USDA-approved certifying agent or the USDA's National Organic Program, http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/, phone 202-720-3252, fax 202-05-7808, email: NOP.Webmaster@usda.gov; or write USDA-AMS-TM-NOP, Room 4008 South Building, 1400 Independence, SW, Washington DC 20250-0020.

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### Organic Agricultural Products: Marketing & Trade Resources

## II. Regulations, Laws and Legislation

#### About this Section

This section focuses on regulatory text and agencies involved with organic production, handling, marketing and trade. Although they often overlap, U.S. and international applications are handled in separate subsections. Organic agricultural products are also subject to general food labeling and marketing regulations; thus, we have included selected agencies and resources that handle conventionally produced agricultural products. This list of agencies and regulatory-related issues is not comprehensive. Furthermore, laws and regulations are not static, but are constantly evolving. A thorough search for relevant regulations and laws is a must before undertaking any commercial marketing enterprise.

#### Related Chapters in this Publication

How-to Guides; Guides to Data, Suppliers, Outlets and Events; Industry Data Sources; Market and Consumer Studies; Support Organizations.

#### Section headings

Part A: U.S. Marketing: Laws and Regulations - Links to Standards and Related Information Federal Laws and Regulations

U.S. National Organic Program (NOP) and Related Legislation (including National Organic Standards, Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, National Organic Standards Board and Organic Materials Review Institute)

Selected Background Documents about U.S. Standards

State Laws and Regulations Pertinent to Marketing Organic Product

General Federal Food-related Labeling and Regulatory Programs and Information

Selected Agencies with Food Regulatory Functions

Related Food Safety Resources

General State Food-related Labeling and Regulatory Programs and Information Other Organic-related Certification Programs

Part B: International Trade: Laws and Regulations - Links to Standards and Related Information Exporting and Importing Organic Products - U.S. Regulations and Information Sources Selected Agencies and Organizations

U.S. State and Regional Trade Groups that include Organic Products in their Activities General U.S. Export and Import Regulations, Certifications, and Information Selected International Organic-specific Law and Policy Sites Selected International Food Law and Policy Sites

#### Part A: U.S. Marketing: Laws and Regulations

#### Federal Laws and Regulations

#### **★** U.S. National Organic Program and Related Legislation **★**

USDA National Organic Program (NOP) USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) "The U.S. Department of Agriculture has put in place a set of national standards that food labeled 'organic' must meet, whether it is grown in the United States or imported from other countries. After October 21, 2002, when you buy food labeled 'organic,' you can be sure that it was produced using the highest organic production and handling standards in the world." [Organic Food Standards and Labels: *The Facts*, NOP, http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/]

National Organic Program Regulatory Text. CFR Title 7, Chapter I- Agricultural Marketing Service (Standards, Inspections, Marketing Practices), Department of Agriculture, Part 205 (as authorized under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, as amended)

Text with Preambles from NOP: http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/NOP/standards.html (this site also includes French, Japanese and Spanish translations of the text)

Text from the *Federal Code* (as of January 2003):

http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx 03/7cfr205 03.html

Text from Federal Register (December 21, 2000), Volume 65, Number 246 pp. 80547-80684: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\_docs/fedreg/a001221c.html Go to "Agricultural Marketing Services"

Information for Producers, Handlers, and Processors. Includes "How Retail Food Establishments Can Comply with National Organic Program Regulations," "Labeling Alcoholic Beverage Containers," and "Labeling Packaged Products."

http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/ProdHandlers/ProdHandhome.html

Policy Statement: National Organic Program Scope, NOP regulations regarding "mushrooms; pet foods; aquatic animals; fabrics; cosmetics; body care products; over-the-counter medications; dietary supplements; fertilizers; soil amendments; and products from greenhouse, apiculture, and hydroponic systems."

http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/NOP/PolicyStatements/NOPScope.html

Trade Issues. Includes "Export Arrangements and Recognition Agreements," "Export Certificate Procedures and Accompanying Documentation," and "Import Authorizations" http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/NOP/Trade.html

Questions and Answers

http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/Q&A.html

Policy Statement: Stream of Commerce and Labeling. "Labeling of products sold, labeled, or represented as organic, prior to October 21, 2002."

http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/NOP/PolicyStatements/StreamofCommerce.html

Accredited Certifying Agents

http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/CertifyingAgents/Accredited.html

Accredited Certifying Agents - State Departments of Agriculture http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/CertifyingAgents/StatesAccredited.html

The National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/NationalList/ListHome.html

Proposed Amendments to the National List (Federal Register Notice of NOP, 3/16/03)

http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/Newsroom/03-03NationalListAmends.pdf

See also: Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI), listed below.

#### Labeling of Pesticide Products under the National Organic Program

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Pesticide Registration (PR) Notice 2003-1. Notice to Manufacturers, Formulators, Producers and Registrants of Pesticide Products

"This notice describes how registrants can obtain Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approval of label language indicating that all ingredients (active and inert) in a pesticide product and all uses of that pesticide meet the criteria defined in the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Organic Program (NOP) Rule."

http://www.epa.gov/oppbppd1/biopesticides/regtools/organic-pr-notice.htm

#### Organic Claims in Labeling and Advertising of Alcohol Beverages

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) Proposed Rule (27 CFR Parts 4, 5, 7 and 13 (Notice # 7))

Text from *Federal Register* (May 9, 2003) Volume 68, Number 90, pp. 24903-4 (as posted by ATF) http://www.ttb.gov/notices/ttbnotice\_no7.pdf

Frequently Asked Questions - Organic Alcohol http://www.ttb.gov/alcohol/info/faq/index.htm#oa

See also: Appendices A - D, USDA National Organic Standards, Selected Text and Links

#### National Organic Standards Board (NOSB)

"The Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, part of the 1990 Farm Bill, authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to appoint a 15-member National Organic Standards Board (NOSB). The board's main mission is to assist the Secretary in developing standards for substances to be used in organic production. The NOSB also advises the Secretary on other aspects of implementing the national organic program."

http://www.ams.usda.gov/nosb/

NOSB Aquaculture Working Group Final Report: Aquatic Livestock Health Care Practice Standard. February 6, 2001.

Document online courtesy of Institute for Social, Economic and Ecological Sustainability, University of MN: http://www.fw.umn.edu/isees/OrganicAquaculture/orgaqua.htm

Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (as Amended through Public Law 106–580, December 31, 2000) Text from NOP: http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/archive/OFPA.html

#### Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI)

OMRI's "primary mission is to publish and disseminate generic and specific (brand name) lists of materials allowed and prohibited for use in the production, processing, and handling of organic food

and fiber. OMRI also conducts scientific research and education on the use of materials by the organic industry."

http://www.omri.org/

#### Proposed Rule to Exempt Organic Producers and Marketers from Assessments for Market Promotion Activities under Marketing Order Programs

Agricultural Marketing Service, Marketing Order Administration Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs. "The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is proposing amendments to 28 fruit and vegetable marketing order programs that authorize market promotion activities. The changes would exempt producers and marketers of solely 100 percent organic products from paying commodity promotion assessments. Comments, previously due by January 2, 2004, must now be received no later than February 2, 2004." (Link to December 1, 2003, News Release and December 2, 2003 Federal Register notice; Comments Received; December 23, 2003, News Release announcing extension of comment period; and the extension of comment period published in the *Federal Register* on December 30, 2003)

http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/mocommodities/marketingorderorganicexemption.htm

#### ERS Analysis - Farm Bill (2002), Title VII - Organic Agriculture Provisions

USDA Economic Research Service (ERS) report.

http://www.ers.usda.gov/Features/farmbill/analysis/organicagriculture.htm

Basic Provisions, Federal Crop Insurance Reform, Insurance Implementation, Regulations for the 1999 and Subsequent Reinsurance Years; Group Risk Plan of Insurance Regulations for the 2001 and Succeeding Crop Years; and the Common Crop Insurance Regulations - Final Rule.

"The Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (ARPA) provides that organic farming practices be recognized as good farming practices. Prior to this ruling, crop insurance policies may not have covered production losses when organic insect, disease, and/or weed control measures were used and such measures were not effective."

Federal Register, June 25, 2003, as posted by USDA Risk Management Agency. http://www.rma.usda.gov/regs/03basicprovisions.pdf

Insurance Coverage for Organic Crops: USDA Sets Guidelines to Provide Crop Insurance for Organic Farming Practices

USDA Risk Management Agency (RMA), Raleigh Regional Office http://salem.rutgers.edu/cropinsurance/factsheets/04Organic.pdf

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Document online: http://agecon.lib.umn.edu/cgi-bin/pdf view.pl?paperid=9177&ftype=.pdf

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#### State Laws and Regulations Pertinent to Marketing Organic Products

#### Environmental Laws Affecting State Agriculture

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#### Organic Farming Legislation - USA

Organic-research.com. Includes links to information about pertinent legislation in California, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Guam.

http://www.organic-research.com/LawsRegs/regs/usreg.asp

#### State Marketing Profiles

USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS). Organic Agriculture certifiers and programs are included with each state profile.

http://www.ams.usda.gov/statesummaries/

#### General Federal Food-related Labeling and Regulatory Programs and Information

"Food Laws and Regulations." In Improving the Safety and Quality of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables: A Training Manual for Trainers, Section IV. Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition/University of MD, 2002.

http://www.jifsan.umd.edu/PDFs/GAPS English/IV Food Laws and Regulatio.pdf In Spanish: Leves v Normativas Alimenticias http://www.jifsan.umd.edu/PDFs/GAPS Espanol/SECCI N IV.pdf

Food Laws and Regulations, by Patricia A. Curtis. Blackwell Publishing, 2004. Abstract only: http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/book.asp?ref=0813819466&site=1

#### \* Selected Agencies with Food Regulatory Functions \*

#### USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

Services and Programs Web Page. Includes links to "Grading and Certification," "Marketing Orders" and "Quality Standards."

http://www.ams.usda.gov/progserv.htm

Country of Origin Labeling. Guidelines for "Interim Voluntary Country of Origin Labeling." http://www.ams.usda.gov/cool/

Fresh Produce Audit Verification Program http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fpbgapghp.htm

Livestock and Seed Program. Includes links to "Meat Grading and Certification" and "Standardization" branches. http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/

United States Standards for Livestock and Meat Marketing Claims. Notices, Federal Register, December 30, 2002 (vol. 67, no. 250), pages 79552-79556. (DOCID: fr30de02-20) "These proposed minimum requirements for livestock and meat industry production/marketing claims, when adopted, will become the United States Standards for Livestock and Meat Marketing Claims. Some segments of the livestock and meat industries make claims to distinguish their products." Addresses terms including "antibiotic-free," "free-range," and "grass-fed."

http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\_docs/fedreg/a021230c.html

AMS Comments Web Page. (comment on the proposed regulation through March 31, 2003) http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/stand/claim.htm

#### USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS)

Nutrient Data Laboratory. Includes USDA Nutrient Database for Standard Reference, Release 14 and Nutritive Value of Foods (Home and Garden Bulletin no. 72). http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/foodcomp/

#### USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion

Includes Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2000, 5th Edition. http://www.usda.gov/cnpp/

#### USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)

Exporting from the United States. Includes "Library of Export Requirements." http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/IPS/exporting.htm

Importing to the United States

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/IPS/importing.htm

*Meat and Poultry Labeling Terms* (Glossary) http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OA/pubs/lablterm.htm

Meat Packaging Materials. "All packaging materials in direct contact with food must be safe for their intended use under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA)." http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OA/pubs/meatpack.htm

Office of Policy, Program Development and Evaluation, Labeling and Consumer Protection Staff. [Contact: USDA, FSIS, OPPDE, Labeling and Consumer Protection Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 614 - Annex Building, Washington, DC 20250-3700, phone 202-205-0623 or 202-205-0279]

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/larc/

*USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline.* 1-800-535-4555; TTY 1-800-256-7072

#### U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

FTC (Federal Trade Commission) Models Advertising Policy on FDA Food Labeling Standards. (September 1994)

http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~lrd/ftc.html

Enforcement Policy Statement on Food Advertising. (May 1994) http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/policystmt/ad-food.htm

#### U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

[Contact: U. S. Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville MD 20857-0001, phone 1-888-INFO-FDA (1-888-463-6332)] Homepage http://www.fda.gov

Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 - Registration of Food Facilities. "...requires domestic and foreign facilities that manufacture, process, pack, or hold food for human or animal consumption in the United States to register with the FDA by December 12, 2003." Overview and registration information.

http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~furls/ovffreg.html

Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 - Prior Notice of Imported Foods. "...requires that FDA receive prior notice of food imported into the United States, beginning on December 12, 2003. Most of the prior notice information required by the interim final rule is data usually provided by importers or brokers to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) when foods arrive in the United States. Now, the Bioterrorism Act requires that this information also be provided to FDA in advance of an imported food's arrival to the United States." Overview and System Interface.

http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~pn/pnoview.html

*Information for FDA-Regulated Industry* http://www.fda.gov/oc/industry/default.htm

Office of Regulatory Affairs - Imports http://www.fda.gov/ora/import/default.htm

Food and Cosmetic Guidance Documents http://vm.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/guidance.html

Food Labeling and Nutrition, Information for Industry. Includes "Food Labeling, Guidance and Regulations."

http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/lab-ind.html

Food Labeling and Nutrition, Health Claims and Nutrient Content Claims http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/lab-hlth.html

Guidance for Industry: Guide to Minimize Microbial Food Safety Hazards for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (October 1998)

http://www.foodsafety.gov/~dms/prodguid.html

Guidance for Industry: Voluntary Labeling Indicating Whether Foods Have or Have Not Been Developed Using Bioengineering (Draft Guidance) (January 2001)

http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/biolabgu.html or

http://www.fda.gov/OHRMS/DOCKETS/98fr/001598gd.pdf

#### \* Related Food Safety Resources \*

#### Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA). "This law amends the two major pesticide laws: the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA)." Site includes a summary of the FQPA and links to related information. http://www.epa.gov/agriculture/lqpa.html

National Agriculture Compliance Assistance Center. "The 'first stop' for information about environmental requirements that affect the agricultural community." http://www.epa.gov/agriculture/

Food Safety Agencies and Authorities: A Primer, by Jean M. Rawson and Donna U. Vogt. Congressional Research Service, 1998.

http://www.ncseonline.org/NLE/CRSreports/Agriculture/ag-40.cfm

#### Foodborne Illness Education Information Center, National Agricultural Library

Hazard Analysis - Critical Control Point (HACCP) Systems Information

USDA/FDA HACCP Training Programs and Resources Database http://www.nal.usda.gov/foodborne/haccp/index.shtml

HACCP. Directory of Government and Non-Government Internet Links http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/foodborne/fbindex/009.htm

#### FoodSafety.gov

Gateway to Government Food Safety Information http://www.foodsafety.gov/

Food Law and Regulations

http://www.foodsafety.gov/~fsg/foodlaw.html

The Government Agencies. Links to Federal and State agencies.

http://www.foodsafety.gov/~fsg/fsggov.html

#### USDA Economic Research Service (ERS)

Government Food Safety Policies Briefing Room. Includes "HACCP" and "International Issues." http://www.ers.usda.gov/Briefing/FoodSafetyPolicy/

Traceability in the U.S. Food Supply Briefing Room http://www.ers.usda.gov/Briefing/Traceability/

### General State Food-related Labeling and Regulatory Programs and Information

#### Food Laws and Regulations Division, State and Local Governments

Institute of Food Technologists (IFT). Directory with links. http://www.ift.org/divisions/food\_law/jump\_loc.htm

#### State Agriculture Departments

State and Local Government on the Net: A Directory of Official State, County, and City Government Websites.

http://www.statelocalgov.net/50states-agriculture.htm

#### Directory of State and Local Officials - 2003 Edition

U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) http://www.fda.gov/ora/fed\_state/directorytable.htm

#### Directory of State/Territorial Land-grant Universities and Cooperative Extension Programs

USDA Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) http://www.reeusda.gov/statepartners/usa.htm

#### Other Organic-related Certification Programs

#### Certified Humane Raised and Handled

"Food products that carry the label are certified to have come from facilities that meet precise, objective standards for farm animal treatment."

http://www.certifiedhumane.com/

#### Certified Naturally Grown

"A non-profit alternative eco-labelling program for small farms that grow using USDA organic methods but are NOT a part of the USDA Certified Organic program." http://www.naturallygrown.org/

#### The Consumers' Union Guide to Environmental Labels

"Learn more about products that are eco-labeled compared to those that are conventionally farmed or produced..." Includes product and label indexes.

http://www.eco-labels.org/

#### Demeter Association, Inc.

"For the Certification of Biodynamic Agriculture." http://www.demeter-usa.org/

#### International Organization for Standardization (ISO)

Homepage http://www.iso.ch/iso/en/

ISO 65: Agriculture. Catalog listing.

http://www.iso.ch/iso/en/CatalogueListPage.CatalogueList?ICS1=65

#### Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP)

Labels Resource Center. Database includes eco-label descriptions and labeling organizations, resource documents and links, etc.

http://www.iatp.org/labels/

#### National Sanitation Foundation (NSF)

NSF International Announces Publication of American National Standards for Environmental Labelling. Press Release, 12/30/01

http://www.nsf.org/press/isoansi.html

More information on National Sanitation Foundation standards: http://www.nsf.org/standards/

#### Organic Trade Association (OTA)

The American Organic Standards. "A project of the Organic Trade Association (OTA), initiated by the OTA Organic Certifiers Council (OCC) and conducted in cooperation with the OTA's Quality Assurance Committee (QAC)" (October 1999)

http://www.ota.com/standards/aos/index.html

#### Trading Standards Central

Guidance Leaflet Listing - Food. Information about food labeling - date marking, additives, food names and the relevant legislation, including organic - for UK countries.

http://www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/cgi-bin/bgllist.cgi#fd

#### USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), Auditing Services

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Certification.

USDA Process Verified Program

http://www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/cgi-bin/bgllist.cgi#fd

ISO Guide 65 Assessments of Organic Certifying Agencies

http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/arc/iso65.htm

NOP Accreditation Audit Checklist

http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/arc/nopauditlist.pdf

#### Part B: International Trade: Laws and Regulations

### Exporting and Importing Organic Products - U.S. Regulations and Information Sources

#### \* Selected Agencies and Organizations \*

#### USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)

Organics Information

http://www.fas.usda.gov/agx/organics/organics.html

[Contact: Stephanie Riddick, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, email:

stephanie.riddick@fas.usda.gov]

 ${\it International\ Resources}.\ Organizations,\ Standards,\ Regulations,\ and\ Information.$ 

http://www.fas.usda.gov/agx/organics/international.htm

#### Organic Trade Association (OTA)

"The Organic Trade Association (OTA) is a membership based business association representing the organic industry in Canada, the United States and Mexico." Includes the *Organic Export Directory Online*, *Organic Pages Online* directory, and many other resources.

Homepage http://www.ota.com

#### National Organic Initiative (NOI)

A coordinated effort of state agricultural marketing officials and the state-regional trade groups listed below. Regional contacts are:

*Northeast*: Joy Kanono, Food Export USA - Northeast phone 215-829-9111, email: jkanono@foodexportusa.org

South: Nishi Whiteley, Texas Department of Agriculture phone 512-463-5197, email: nishi.whiteley@agr.state.tx.us

Midwest: Betsy Riggs, Mid-America International Agri-Trade Council (MIATCO)

phone 312-944-3030, email: eriggs@miatco.org

West: Tim Larsen, Colorado Department of Agriculture phone 303-239-4114, email: Tim.Larsen@ag.state.co.us or Bill Dallas, Washington Department of Agriculture phone 360-902-1925, email: Bdallas@agr.wa.gov

<u>See also</u> the following four State-Regional Trade Groups. They are non-profit organizations that promote the export of food and agricultural products, including organic, from their respective parts of the United States.

#### **☀** U.S. State and Regional Trade Groups that include Organic Products in their Activities \*

#### Food Export USA - Northeast.

Homepage http://www.foodexportusa.org/

#### Mid-America International Agri-Trade Council (MIATCO)

Homepage http://www.miatco.org/noflash miatco home.htm

#### Southern U.S. Trade Association (SUSTA)

Homepage http://www.susta.org/

#### Western U.S. Agricultural Trade Association (WUSATA)

Homepage http://www.wusata.org/

#### General U.S. Export and Import Regulations, Certifications and Information

#### USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

"The Agricultural Marketing Service includes six commodity programs - Cotton, Dairy, Fruit and Vegetable, Livestock and Seed, Poultry, and Tobacco. The programs employ specialists who provide standardization, grading and market news services for those commodities. They enforce such Federal Laws as the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act and the Federal Seed Act. AMS commodity programs also oversee marketing agreements and orders, administer research and promotion programs, and purchase commodities for Federal food programs." Homepage http://www.ams.usda.gov/

Exporter Assistance. Transportation Services Branch. http://www.ams.usda.gov/tmd/tmdsea.htm

Fruit and Vegetable International Activities http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/fvintl.html

Livestock and Seed International Programs http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/lsint.htm

#### USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)

"USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is responsible for enforcing regulations governing the import and export of plants and animals and certain agricultural products. These regulations both protect U.S. agriculture and preserve and enhance agricultural markets abroad. Import rules are necessary to prevent the entry of foreign plant and animal diseases and pests that could damage U.S. agriculture. Export rules facilitate the movement of agricultural commodities to foreign countries."

Homepage http://www.aphis.usda.gov/

Agricultural Trade http://www.aphis.usda.gov/oa/at.html Contact Information (Directory)

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/oa/pubs/K%20Contact%20Information.pdf

*APHIS Permit Services*. Includes Plants and Plant Pests, Animals and Animal Products. http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import.html

International Phytosanitary Standards http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/pim/standards/

Small Business Information http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ies/smbus.html

#### USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)

"The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) is the public health agency in the U.S. Department of Agriculture responsible for ensuring that the nation's commercial supply of meat, poultry, and egg products is safe, wholesome, and correctly labeled and packaged, as required by the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Poultry Products Inspection Act, and the Egg Products Inspection Act." *Homepage* http://www.fsis.usda.gov/

Evaluating Foreign Countries for Equivalence http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/IPS/equivalence.htm

Export Library. Information on foreign country export requirements for meat and poultry products. [Contact: FSIS Technical Service Center, phone 402-221-7400, email: tech.center@usda.gov] http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OFO/export/explib.htm

Exporting from the United States http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/IPS/exporting.htm

Importing to the United States http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/IPS/importing.htm

#### USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)

Ag Exporter Assistance. Includes: Ready to Export? Finding Customers; Shipping; Your Exports; Create Export Plan; Channels of Distribution; Financing; Exporter Guide; and Identifying Your Market.

http://www.fas.usda.gov/agexport/exporter.html

*Requirements/Certificates*. Links to general and product specific information relevant to both U.S. and foreign requirements for prospective exporters.

http://www.fas.usda.gov/agexport/requires.html

#### The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and the World Trade Organization (WTO)

U.S. Enquiry Point

http://www.fas.usda.gov/itp/Policy/Gatt/gatt.html

Fact Sheet: The World Trade Organization and U.S. Agriculture (January 2002) http://www.fas.usda.gov/info/factsheets/wto.html

#### USDA Grain Inspection Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA)

"The Federal Grain Inspection Service of USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration provides inspection, weighing, and related services on grains, pulses, oilseeds, and processed and graded commodities." [Contact: See Directory of FGIS Field Offices, P&S Regional Offices, or Official Inspection Agencies at

http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/aboutus/servicemap/usmap.htm]

Official Inspection and Weighing Services http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/programsfgis/services.htm

Mandatory and Permissive Export Grain Inspection and Weighing Services http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/programsfgis/inspwgh/mandperm.htm

International Services

http://www.usda.gov/gipsa/international/intl-services.htm

#### U.S. Department of Commerce

Homepage http://www.commerce.gov/

Bureau of Industry and Security. BIS's activities include regulating the export of sensitive goods and technologies in an effective and efficient manner; enforcing export control, antiboycott, and public safety laws; cooperating with and assisting other countries on export control and strategic trade issues; assisting U.S. industry to comply with international arms control agreements; and monitoring the viability of the U.S. defense industrial base and seeking to ensure that it is capable of satisfying U.S. national and homeland security needs.

http://www.bis.doc.gov/

International Trade Administration (ITA)

http://www.ita.doc.gov/

Trade Compliance Center

http://www.tcc.mac.doc.gov/cgi-bin/doit.cgi?218:54:1:5

#### U.S. Customs Service

[Contacts: See Directories of Preclearance Locations, Foreign Attaché Locations and Ports of Entry available at http://www.customs.gov/xp/cgov/toolbox/contacts/] Homepage http://www.customs.gov/

Export

http://www.customs.gov/xp/cgov/export/

*Import* 

http://www.customs.gov/xp/cgov/import/

#### U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Homepage http://www.fda.gov/

Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA). "The Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA) is the lead office for all Field activities of the Food and Drug Administration." The ORA Import Program informs "import brokers, wholesalers, retailers and consumers about products that have been detained or may be

detained without physical examination when presented for entry into the US." The ORA site also includes information about "Compliance Policy Guides and Regulatory Procedures Manual and other FDA compliance documents and information including the: *Compliance Program Guidance Manual...*" [Contacts: ORA Contact Directory (IOM Blue Pages):

http://www.fda.gov/ora/inspect\_ref/iom/IOMORADIR.html] http://www.fda.gov/ora/

FDA in the International Arena http://www.fda.gov/oia/fdaintl.htm

Animal Drugs and Feeds International Activities http://www.fda.gov/oia/animdrug.htm

Foods and Cosmetics International Activities http://www.fda.gov/oia/foodcosm.htm

Food and Cosmetics International Activities/Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/%7Ecomm/intl-toc.html

Procedure for Obtaining Certificates for Export of Foods and Cosmetics http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~lrd/certific.html

Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 - Prior Notice of Imported Foods. "...requires that FDA receive prior notice of food imported into the United States, beginning on December 12, 2003. Most of the prior notice information required by the interim final rule is data usually provided by importers or brokers to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) when foods arrive in the United States. Now, the Bioterrorism Act requires that this information also be provided to FDA in advance of an imported food's arrival to the United States." Overview and System Interface.

http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/~pn/pnoview.html

#### U.S. Trade Information Center (TIC)

"The Trade Information Center (TIC) is a comprehensive resource for information on all U.S. Federal Government export assistance programs. The Center is operated by the International Trade Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce for the 20 Federal agencies comprising the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee (TPCC). These agencies are responsible for managing the U.S. Government's export promotion programs and activities." [Contact: 1-800-USA-TRADE, email: tic@ita.com.gov]

Homepage http://www.trade.gov/td/tic/

#### Export.gov - U.S. Government Export Portal

Homepage http://www.export.gov/

#### TradePort - California's Gateway to Global Trade

"TradePort is designed to be an easy-to-use tool offering one place to go for comprehensive trade information, trade leads, and company databases."

Homepage http://www.tradeport.org/

#### Selected International Organic-specific Law and Policy Sites

#### Agri-Food Trade Service: Market Information (Canada): Organic Agriculture Homepage http://ats.agr.gc.ca/can/3590 e.htm

#### Canada Organic Initiative Project

Homepage http://www.certifiedorganic.bc.ca/COI/COI.htm

The Canadian Organic System as of March 2003 http://www.certifiedorganic.bc.ca/COI/COS2003.pdf

#### China, Organic Food Development Center (OFDC)

Homepage http://www.ofdc.org.cn/index en.htm

#### European Commission - Directorate General for Agriculture

Organic Farming - Guide to Community Rules (2001) http://europa.eu.int/comm/agriculture/qual/organic/brochure/abio en.pdf

Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2092/91 of 24 June 1991 on Organic Production of Agricultural Products and Indications Referring Thereto on Agricultural Products and Foodstuffs http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/consleg/main/1991/en 1991R2092 index.html

#### International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM)

International Organic Accreditation Service (IOAS) http://www.ioas.org

Organic Guarantee System. Includes IFOAM Basic Standards for Organic Production and Processing and IFOAM Accreditation Criteria for Bodies Certifying Organic Production and Processing.

http://www.ifoam.org/standard/index.html

International Harmonisation and Equivalence in Organic Agriculture. IFOAM Conference on Organic Guarantee Systems, Conference Conclusions. (Conference February 2002, Nurenburg) Proceedings edited by G. Rundgren and W. Lockeretz. IFOAM, 2002. [Entire proceedings available from IFOAM]

http://www.ifoam.org/pub/harmoconferenceconclusions.pdf

#### International Trade Centre (ITC), United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)/World Trade Organization (WTO)

Organic Products Web Page

http://www.intracen.org/mds/sectors/organic/welcome.htm

#### Japan, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Standards and Labelling based on the Law Concerning Standardization and Proper Labelling of Agricultural and Forestry Products (the JAS Law)

http://www.maff.go.jp/soshiki/syokuhin/hinshitu/organic/eng yuki top.htm

#### Network for Animal Health and Welfare in Organic Agriculture (NAHWOA)

"Organic Livestock Production Standards." In *Diversity of Livestock Systems and Definition of Animal Welfare*, Proceedings of the Second NAHWOA Workshop, Cordoba, 8-11 January 2000, edited by M. Hovi and R. Garcia Trujillo. NAHWOA, 2000.

http://www.veeru.reading.ac.uk/organic/proc/proceedings.htm

#### Organic-research.com

Organic Farming Legislation. Links to organic regulation resources in Australia, Canada, Denmark, Ireland, Japan, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom as well as to EC Regulations, Codex Alimentarius Commission Organic Standards, and "Database of Organic Standards in the EU." <a href="http://www.organic-research.com/LawsRegs/legislation.asp">http://www.organic-research.com/LawsRegs/legislation.asp</a>

#### Stiftung Ökologie & Landbau

Organic Farming in Europe - Country Reports. (in English) Reports include information about the country's laws, standards and certification agencies.

http://www.organic-europe.net/country reports/default.asp

#### United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) (from IFOAM)

*Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods* (GL 32 – 1999, Rev. 1 – 2001)

http://www.ifoam.org/fao/codex\_content.html

Report Codex Food Labelling Committee. May 2000, Ottawa http://www.ifoam.org/fao/codex food label.html

### United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and World Health Organization (WHO), Codex Alimentarius Commission

FAO/WHO Food Standards Homepage. Codex Standards and other related texts adopted by the Commission including "Food Hygiene - Basic Texts," "Food Labelling - Complete Texts," "Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems - Combined Texts," and "Organically Produced Foods - Guidelines for Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing." http://www.codexalimentarius.net/

Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods (GL 32-1999; Rev.1-2001)

http://www.fao.org/organicag/doc/glorganicfinal.pdf

### United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Capacity Building Task Force on Trade, Environment and Development

Policy Dialogue on Promoting Production and Trading Opportunities for Organic Agricultural Products. Meeting Report (Brussels), 21-22 February 2002.

http://www.unep-unctad.org/cbtf/meetings/brussels/finalreport.doc

#### Selected International Food Law and Policy Sites

#### United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

FAOLEX. "Comprehensive and up-to-date computerized legislative database, the world's largest electronic collection of national laws and regulations, as well as treaties, on food, agriculture and renewable natural resources."

http://faolex.fao.org/faolex/index.htm

#### World Trade Organization (WTO)

The Agreements: Agriculture: Fairer Markets for Farmers. Guide to provisions and intent of WTO agreements pertaining to trade in agricultural products.

http://www.wto.org/english/thewto e/whatis e/tif e/agrm3 e.htm

Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures. "An agreement on how governments can apply food safety and animal and plant health measures (sanitary and phytosanitary or SPS measures) sets out the basic rules in the WTO."

http://www.wto.org/english/tratop e/sps e/sps e.htm

#### Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Food, Agriculture and Fisheries Directorate. "The Directorate analyses food, agriculture and fisheries issues and provides information and advice to governments on practical and innovative options for the reform and the development of policies and the liberalisation of trade." http://www.oecd.org/agr/

#### Institute of Food Technologists (IFT)

Food Laws and Regulations Division. Includes "frequently updated links to Internet resources on food laws and regulations as well as related topics" - associations, U.S. government and judicial agencies; U.S. state and local agencies; libraries; private and academic sources. http://www.ift.org/divisions/food\_law/

#### The School of Food Biosciences, The University of Reading, UK

Food Law Web Site. Developed by Dr. D. J. Jukes. Extensive coverage of news, government agencies, and regulations in the UK and Europe.

http://www.fst.rdg.ac.uk/foodlaw/main.htm



### Organic Agricultural Products: Marketing & Trade Resources III. How-to Guides

#### About this section

This section contains references and links to educational and outreach materials including guides, textbooks, workbooks, manuals and fact sheets. Emphasis is on online or otherwise readily available resources. Selected books and articles also are included, with availability/purchase information noted. While not indicated, online publications may also be available in print format.

In addition to publications cited in this chapter, there are many other resources listed throughout this guide that will assist in "how-to" market. See especially sources described in the chapter about Support Organizations.

Direct marketing has traditionally been an important market outlet for organic products, and this section includes resources about farm direct marketing and community supported agriculture. Selected resources concerned with marketing niche and specialty agricultural products in general also are included. Texts about organic crop and livestock production often contain significant information about marketing techniques; for the most part, these texts are NOT covered in this publication.

#### Related Chapters in this Publication

Regulations, Laws and Legislation; Guides to Data, Suppliers, Outlets and Events; Industry Data Sources; Market and Consumer Studies; Support Organizations

#### Section headings

General Marketing Direct Farm Marketing Selected Organic Enterprise Budgets

#### General Marketing

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## Organic Agricultural Products: Marketing & Trade Resources

## IV. Guides to Data, Suppliers, Outlets and Events

#### About this section

This section is a guide to guides, containing references for various types of directories and listings useful to the organic food handler and marketer. These include web directories and web portals documenting market outlets, brokers, supplies and suppliers, marketing literature and research, and Internet links. References are grouped by general topic. Descriptions in quotation marks are descriptions taken directly from the source's Web site or print publication. No endorsement by the Alternative Farming Systems Information Center is intended.

Online sites and documents are emphasized in these listings. Unless otherwise noted, access to these resources is free. A few are fee-based, have only partial information online or are print-only in format. Availability information is noted. Many of the resources listed here could be listed in more than one category; check the index to this publication if you don't find one listed in the category where you first look.

Many of the sources listed here are not specific to organic production and handling; however, they do contain information about food marketing and trading enterprises that organic marketers will find helpful. **Underlined titles are organic- and/or natural food-specific**.

The following resource types and formats are included in this chapter:

- **1** Directories and Trading Sites people, organizations, markets
- 2 Searchable Databases both free and fee-based
- **3** *Cyberguides/Web Portals* Indexed/annotated links to other sites
- **4** Bibliographies and Publishers Catalogs Topic-oriented guides to print literature
- **6** Calendars of Trade and Marketing Events

#### Related Chapters in this Publication

Regulations, Laws and Legislation; How-to Guides, Suppliers, Outlets and Events; Industry Data Sources; Market and Consumer Studies; Support Organizations

#### Section headings

General Marketing Agribusiness and Economic Research Market Outlets, Brokers and Suppliers Commodity Price Indexes Food Science

## General Marketing

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Gourmetretailer.com. "Web site created for retailers in the specialty food and housewares industries... find the latest industry news, trade show dates and information, links to industry associations, web-exclusive articles, and a searchable archive of hundreds of articles from The Gourmet Retailer print edition." ● http://www.gourmetretailer.com/gourmetretailer/index.jsp

*HerbWorld Online: Herbal Business Tools*. Herb Growing & Marketing Network. Web site of the trade association for the herb industry. Access to *Herbal Green Pages* (partial directory listings online) and the quarterly trade journal, *The Bu\$iness of Herbs*. **123** http://www.herbworld.com/

*Horticultural Business Information Network*. Topic areas include "Direct Marketing" and "Value Added." University of Tennessee Cooperative Extension. **❸** http://www.utextension.utk.edu/hbin/

*International Organic Industry Events*. Organic Trade Services. Extensive international calendar. **6** http://www.organicts.com/newspro/events/index.shtml

National Directory of Farmers Market and Direct Marketing Associations 2001. USDA Agricultural Marketing Service and the North American Farmers Direct Marketing Association, 2001. 41 local, state, regional, and national associations, listed by state. ● http://www.ams.usda.gov/directmarketing/associations.htm

*National Organic Directory: Guide to Organic Information and Resources Worldwide*. 18<sup>th</sup> edition. Community Alliance with Family Farmers, 2001. 276p. (Ceased publication in 2001) **①** 

Natural Products Field Manual 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, by Bob Burke and Rick McKelvey. Natural Products Consulting Institute, 2003. 3 vols. [Availability information: Bob Burke, phone 978-975-9902, email BobNPCI@aol.com] "CD-ROM with over 7,200 natural products stores, segmented by "A", "B" & "C" stores, directory of natural buyers in mainstream grocery stores, directories of brokers and distributors, budget models, new item forms, PR Media list and customer logos" ● Information/abstract only: http://www.bob-burke.com/fieldman.htm

<u>The NewFarm.org</u>. Rodale Institute resource featuring "farmer-to-farmer know-how" including "success stories with expert resources for crop and livestock production, direct marketing, local food systems, policy campaigns and community-building collaborations." • http://www.newfarm.org/

*News and Information about Cooperatives*. University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives. "Links to Cooperatives," "Publications," domestic and international news stories, an events calendar, and more. **29** http://www.wisc.edu/uwcc/

<u>OMRI Brand Name Products Lists</u>. Organic Materials Review Institute, updated periodically, republished annually. "OMRI lists products after review by an independent Review Panel, composed of leading experts from the organic industry...The evaluation criteria used in the product review process are in conformance with the USDA National Organic Program regulations found in 7 CFR Part 205 and subsequent amendments."

http://www.omri.org/OMRI brand name list.html

<u>OMRI Generic Materials List</u>. Organic Materials Review Institute, updated periodically, available by subscription. "Catalog of OMRI's recommendations and opinions regarding the acceptability or unacceptability of the use of over 750 materials in organic production, processing, and handling." • Information/abstract only:

http://www.omri.org/OMRI generic list.html

<u>Organic Agriculture: Market Information</u> (Canada). Agriculture and Agri-food Canada. Links to standards, certifiers, contacts, suppliers, statistics, events calendars, news items, and publications. 

http://ats.agr.ca/can/3590\_e.htm

<u>Organic Agriculture Worldwide</u>. International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements (IFOAM) directory of the member organizations and associates. Published annually. [Availability information: <a href="http://www.ifoam.org/pub/direct.html">http://www.ifoam.org/pub/direct.html</a>]

*The Organic Cotton Site*. Sustainable Cotton Project. "This site is dedicated to all the farmers, manufacturers, activists, retailers and others who are devoting their energies to making organic cotton a viable agricultural and economic alternative." Site includes online articles (news), "Designing and Manufacturing with Organic Cotton" links, and access to the *Organic Cotton Directory*. 

http://www.sustainablecotton.org/

*The Organic Foods Sourcebook*, by Elaine Marie Lipson. Contemporary Books, 2001. 221p. [Availability information: McGraw-Hill Company, P.O. Box 182604, Columbus OH 43272, phone 800-262-4729 (toll free)] **●** 

Abstract only (search on "organic foods"): http://books.mcgraw-hill.com/

<u>Organic Marketing Resources</u>, by Holly Born. Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas (ATTRA), 2001. "Includes sources of information on the market for organic food and fiber products, including information specifically pertaining to certified-organic products as well as more general information."

http://attra.ncat.org/attra-pub/markres.html

Organic Trade Association Calendar of Events. §

http://www.ota.com/news/calendar.html

<u>Organic AgInfo.org</u>. Organic Agriculture Consortium (OAC)/Scientific Congress on Organic Agricultural Research (SCOAR). Includes full-text documents and links for "information on production, economic data, research results, farmer anecdotes, certification information, transition strategies, as well as many other subjects related to organic agriculture." Including marketing. 

http://www.OrganicAgInfo.org

<u>Resource Express: Agricultural Cassettes: Grazing/Organic/Biodynamic/Co-op/Small Farms-Conferences</u>. "Source for audio tapes from Agricultural meetings." 

http://www.rexp.com/organic.htm

Resources for Small Food Processors and Potential Entrepreneurs. Department of Food Science, Penn State University. Site and document links in categories: "Before You Get Started - Making the Decision to be a Food Processor," "Resources for Starting a Business," "Regulations for Food Processors," "General Microbiology and Food Safety," "Best Practices for Safe Production of Foods," "Food Processing Technology," "Food Testing Laboratories," "Equipment and Packaging Resources," "Direct Marketing Opportunities and Farm Alternatives," "University Assistance Centers for Food Entrepreneurs." 

http://foodsafety.cas.psu.edu/processor/ent\_res\_text2.htm

STATpub.com. STAT Communications, Ltd. "Market intelligence for the world's agriculture industry since 1988." Canadian and international commodity/market reports and news service by topic including "organic." Full access is by paid subscription. 
● http://www.statpub.com/

## Agribusiness and Economic Research

See also: Chapter V, Other National and International Data Sources

AGECON Search - Research in Agricultural and Applied Economics. University of Minnesota Magrath Library and the Department of Applied Economics. "Full text copies of scholarly research in the broadly defined field of agricultural economics including sub disciplines such as agribusiness, food supply, natural resource economics, environmental economics, policy issues, agricultural trade, and economic development." Full text papers are available in PDF format. And http://agecon.lib.umn.edu/

Agriculture Network Information Center (AgNIC): Guide to Economics on the Internet.

University of Minnesota, McGrath Library. Cyberguide to reference and statistical resources online. 

http://agecon.lib.umn.edu/AgNIC/

AGRICOLA (AGRICultural OnLine Access). National Agricultural Library (NAL). Two searchable bibliographic databases, one indexing book titles, and one indexing journal articles, covering agricultural topics. Emphasis is on USDA, Experiment Station, and U.S. journal articles. Bibliographic citations only, some with abstracts. 

http://agricola.nal.usda.gov/

**Food Marketing and Processing (FoodMAP)**. North Central Initiative for Small Farm Profitability. "A clearinghouse of research reports, case studies, and other industry specific articles and links relating to value-added market opportunities for farmers and ranchers in the Midwest." **2** <a href="http://www.foodmap.unl.edu/">http://www.foodmap.unl.edu/</a>

*MarketResearch.com*. Searchable online catalog of thousands of marketing reports from 350 publishers worldwide; each listing includes report description and abstract. Search for organic food 2003 reports 2/04 retrieved 156 items. ❷

http://www.marketresearch.com

Organic Farming and Marketing: Publications from USDA, compiled by Mary Gold. Alternative Farming Systems Information Center, National Agricultural Library, 2003. Bibliography of documents published by U.S. Department of Agriculture Agencies, 1992-2003. Includes links for publications available online. ◀

http://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/AFSIC pubs/orgusda.htm

*Organic Foods: Markets and Marketing*, compiled by Mary Gold. Alternative Farming Systems Information Center, National Agricultural Library, 2001. Bibliography of "Recent Books, Articles, News Items, Reports, and Videos." ●

http://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/AFSIC pubs/orgmrkt.htm

*The Organic Literature Library*. Organic Centre Wales, Institute for Rural Studies, Llanbadarn Campus, Aberystwyth. Searchable catalog of about 1000 book titles. Also includes "Markets" resources/links with emphasis on Wales/UK. **②** 

http://www.organic.aber.ac.uk/lib.shtml

<u>Organic-research.com - Abstracts Database</u>. CABI Publishing. Records for over 110,000 abstracted research papers and articles. The database is constantly updated by specialists, and has fully searchable records dating from 1973. Search on "markets/marketing" by Subject 2/04 retrieved 1017 citations. Full access is by paid subscription. 

http://www.organic-research.com/

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE), National Projects Database. Titles, descriptions, dollar amount, years, and investigator information pertinent to all previously and currently funded SARE projects (almost 2000 since 1988) including many that pertain to organic topics. Project abstracts include contact information for investigators. Search on "organic" and "marketing" 2/04 retrieved 155 projects. 

http://www.sare.org/projects/

## Market Outlets, Brokers and Suppliers

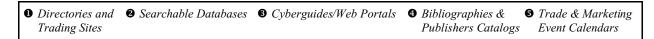
*All Organic Links: The Global Resource for Organic Information*. Online listings include "Brokers," "Consultants," "Distributors," "Eco Marketplaces," "Growers," "Importers and Exporters," "Ingredient Suppliers and Manufacturers," "Supplies and Services," and "USDA Accredited Certifying Agents." • http://www.allorganiclinks.com/

The Artichoke Trail: A Guide to Vegetarian Restaurants, Organic Food Stores and Farmers' Markets in the U. S., by James B. Frost. Hunter Publishing, 1999. 448p. [Availability information: Hunter Publishing, 80 Northfield Avenue, Building 424, Edison NJ 08837, phone 732-225-1900 or 800-255-0343 (toll free); or ebooks.com, http://www.ebooks.com/books/112415.smm] ●

CommunityFood.com. "CommunityFood.com has been developed by the Community Alliances of Interdependent AgriCulture (CAIA) in partnership with the non-profit organization, Food Routes Network, to provide an affordable, practical presence for products created by community-friendly food businesses and family-farm operations." Site includes resource links and classifieds. 

• Http://www.communityfood.com/

http://www.greenpages.org/



The Directory of the Canning, Freezing, Preserving Industries. E.E. Judge Publishing, published annually. Includes detailed company information on "Canners," "Glasspackers," "Aseptic Packers," "Freezers," "Driers/Dehydrators," a "Trade Association List," and a "Detailed Product Index." Also available in CDROM format. [Availability information and abstract: http://www.eejudge.com/deluxe.html] •

The Eat Well Guide. Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP)/Global Resource Action Center for the Environment GRACE). Searchable database "designed to help consumers locate sustainably raised meats, eggs, and dairy in their local area, or by online order if there are few local options." • • http://www.eatwellguide.org/search.cfm

Eco-Market Database. GaiaOne Knowledge Systems (Canada). "A Network for Farmers, Gardeners, Consumers & Industry Professionals." Searchable database includes organic produce, products and services. **Q2** http://www.gks.com/

Farmer's Market Online. Provides "booth space' for growers, producers and artisans selling direct to the consumer...our purpose is to provide a space where shoppers from around the world can meet, correspond and purchase products direct from producers." • • • http://www.farmersmarketonline.com/

Food Master. Business News Publishing, published annually. Two directories: "Ingredients, R & D and Services;" "Equipment Supplies and Service." Also available in print format. See also Wellness & Organic Ingredients Directory below. • http://www.foodmaster.com

The Food Trades Directory of the UK & Europe. Hemming Information Services (UK). Three volumes cover: "food suppliers, manufacturers, retailers, wholesalers, with a separate volume devoted to Industry details, including plant and equipment suppliers, storage handling and distribution and packaging companies. The European volume provides coverage of 29 countries." Also available online; full access is by paid subscription. [Availability information and abstract only: http://www.foodtrades.co.uk] **12** 

**GreenPeople**. Consumer-oriented "searchable database of eco-friendly products: organic food, pet supplies, baby products, beauty products, home improvement, hemp, organic cotton, health products, recycled products." **Q2** http://www.greenpeople.org/

Health Products Business Raw Materials Directory and Health Products Business Purchasing Guide. Cygnus Business Media. Two searchable online directories cover suppliers of organic ingredients and organic/green products. Also available as annual print supplements. • http://www.healthproductsbusiness.com/

International Organic Cotton Directory. PAN Germany, PAN North America, PAN-UK and Organic Trade Association. Directory listing by product or by business type including "Wholesalers/Distributors," "Retail Stores," and "Importers/Exporters." http://www.organiccottondirectory.net/

<u>Links Organic: Find an Organic Business</u>. Links Organic. Search international listings, or browse by category, including "Associations" and "Brokers." Site also provides *LINK*, a free monthly email update service. **12** 

http://www.linksorganic.com/uk/

**Local Harvest.** Search, via clickable map, product category or ZIP code, over 6000 member businesses and organizations to "find local sources of sustainably grown food." Site also includes a newsletter, reports, and local food events calendar. **12** http://www.LocalHarvest.org/

*Marketing Guidebook: The Blue Book of Supermarket Distribution*. Trade Dimensions International, published annually, with quarterly updates. "Lists over 800 retailer chains and wholesalers in the U.S. and Canada plus over 1,700 specialty distributors and brokers." Affiliated with *Progressive Grocer* magazine. [Availability information and abstract only: http://www.tradedimensions.com/prod\_g40.asp] • •

National Directory of Farmers Markets. USDA Agricultural Marketing Service. Detailed listings for hundreds of U.S. farmers' markets, arranged by state. **12** http://www.ams.usda.gov/farmersmarkets/map.htm

#### Natural Foods Merchandiser Annual Resource Guide for the Natural Products Industry, 2003.

Natural Foods Merchandiser, December 2002. Categories include: "Manufacturers;" "Manufacturers by Category;" "Distributors;" "Brokers;" "Branded Ingredients;" "Advertising Agencies/Public Relations Firms;" "Importers/Exporters;" "Media Companies;" "Service Companies;" "Trade Associations & Nonprofit Organizations." • •

http://www.newhope.com/nfm-online/nfm backs/dec 02/index.cfm

http://www.naturabella.it/index.php3.en

The Non-GMO Sourcebook. Writing Solutions, Inc., published annually. The 2004 Non-GMO Sourcebook features over 430 non-GMO suppliers and service providers, including: "Seed companies," "Growers," "Grain exporters," "Processors," "Ingredient manufacturers," "Food manufacturers," "GMO testing labs," "GMO test kit manufacturers" and "Preservation consultants." See also The Non-GMO Source monthly newsletter listed in Chapter V. [Availability information and abstract: http://www.non-gmosource.com/] ●

OpenAir-Market Net: The World Wide Guide to Farmers' Markets, Street Markets, Flea Markets and Street Vendors. • •

http://www.openair.org/

Organic & Natural Business/Organic Trade Services MarketPlace. UK organic industry portal providing international industry news; a "Marketplace" directory listing suppliers, customers, certification bodies and service providers; an email newsletter; and jobs listings. See also *Organic* Newsline Ezine listing in Chapter V. 0 http://www.organicts.com/index.html

The Organic Directory: Your Guide to Organic Buying, edited by Clive Litchfield. Soil Association and Green Books, 2003. "Retailers, box schemes, farm shops, manufacturers, restaurants" in the UK. Also searchable online. **Q2** http://www.soilassociation.org/SA/directory.nsf/

Organic Export Directory Online. Organic Trade Association. "Using this online directory you can search for U.S. exporters of U.S. organic products." Made available in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service. Also available in French, German, Spanish, Japanese, and Korean. **Q2** http://www.ota.com/online%20directory/ed home.htm

The Organic Pages Online: North American Resource Directory. Organic Trade Association. "Search for organic food ingredients, drill down to specific ingredient names, post or view organic ingredients needed." 02

http://www.ota.com/online%20directory/Directory%20nest.htm

Organixchange. "Organixchange brings together the producers and distributors of organic goods and products. Buyers find source product to fill their distribution channels. Sellers gain access to wide sales and distribution channels." • • http://www.organixchange.com/

The Packer Produce Availability & Merchandising Guide. The Packer magazine. "buyer's guide to sources of fruits, vegetables and specialty items. It also is a retail merchandising and foodservice guide, providing relevant information for produce handling, storage and use." "Organics" is included as a separate commodity. Available online or in print. **Q2** http://www.thepacker.com/TheGuide/TheGuide-about.asp

Plunkett's Food Industry Almanac. Plunkett, 2003. 466p. Covers industry overview, industry analysis and market research reports as well as statistical tables, a food industry glossary, industry contacts and indexes. [Information and abstract: http://www.plunkettresearch.com/food/food\_almanac.htm] •

Thomas Food & Beverage Marketplace. Grey House Publishing. "Information on over 40,000 Food and Beverage companies, products, key executives, corporate, facility information, and more." Full access is by paid subscription; also available as a print 3 volume set or as a CDROM. • http://www.tfir.com/

U.S. Supplier List. USDA Foreign Agricultural Service. "The U.S. Supplier List provides foreign buyers with contact information of qualified U.S. suppliers of food, farm, seafood and forest products." Search options include "Certified Organic" and "Natural Food/Non-Certified Organic." 12 http://www.fas.usda.gov/scripts/agexport/ussupplierquery.asp

Upper Midwest Organic Resource Directory. Midwest Organic & Sustainable Education Services (MOSES), 2003. "The Directory identifies resource groups, certification agencies, consultants, suppliers, farmer co-ops, processors and publications in seven states: Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North

Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin." Also available in print format. Midwest Organic & Sustainable Education Services (MOSES). •

http://www.mosesorganic.org/umord/umordntro.htm

**Wellness & Organic Ingredients Directory.** Prepared Foods. Extensive "online listing of nutracuetical, functional, and organic ingredients, as well as, listings of suppliers for the natural products industry." Also available as a magazine supplement in *Prepared Foods* magazine, December issue. See listing in Chapter V. **12** 

http://www.nutrasolutions.com/FILES/HTML/NS Wellness Directory/0,6984,,00.html

Whole Foods: The Natural Foods Business Journal. Annual Source Book. Source Book is published in May as part of the journal subscription. [Availability information: WFC, Inc., 3000 Hadley Road, South Plainfield NJ 07080, phone 908-769-1160, email info@wfcinc.com http://www.wfcinc.com/index.htm] ●

**WorldFoodNet**. Resources for the "international food processing and supply industry" including an online suppliers directory and buyers guide, news updates and event calendar, and *FSAlite*, a demonstration version of an extensive database of food journals, books, conference proceedings, etc., produced for paid subscribers by the International Food Information Service (IFIS). **12** http://www.worldfoodnet.com/

## Commodity Price Indexes

*Market News Reports*. USDA Agricultural Marketing Service. **1**Dairy

http://www.ams.usda.gov/dairy/mncs/index.htm

Fruit and Vegetable. "Information on the current supply, demand and prices on nearly 400 domestic and 70 international fruits, vegetables, nuts, ornamental and specialty crops. The data is collected during face-to-face interviews and telephone conversations with salespersons, brokers and buyers, and the information is analyzed and consolidated into fruit and vegetable market news reports that provide an unbiased view of market conditions." Some organic products are included in selected city Terminal Market Vegetable reports

http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/mncs/

Livestock and Grain http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/mncs/index.htm

Directories and Trading Sites
 Searchable Databases
 Cyberguides/Web Portals Publishers Catalogs
 Bibliographies & Fublishers Catalogs
 Event Calendars

Poultry and Eggs

http://www.ams.usda.gov/poultry/mncs/index.htm

Terminal Market Herb Report

http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/mncs/termherb.htm

Weekly Certified Organic Poultry and Eggs. New report from USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch, Atlanta, GA, posted weekly. http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/aj PY050.txt

Organic Price Index (OPX). New Farm, updated weekly. "A comparison of terminal market, other wholesale and selected large-scale retail prices for organic and conventional foods and sustainably raised meats." 0

http://www.newfarm.org/opx/index.shtml

Organic Wholesale Prices Data. USDA Economic Research Service (ERS). Six tables in the organic wholesale price database (for selected commodities, and derived from Boston and San Francisco Terminal Market Reports, 1992-2002) are downloadable in two different formats. • http://www.ers.usda.gov/Data/OrganicPrices/

Prices for Organic and Conventional Food in Canada. Organic Agriculture Centre of Canada. Twicemonthly updates. **1** 

http://www.organicagcentre.ca/ResearchDatabase/res market info.html

Recent British Columbia Wholesale Prices for Organic Fruit and Vegetables. Rural Capacity Building Through Organic Agriculture (RCBTOA) Project, British Columbia Certified Organic Program. Searchable list of recent British Columbia market prices and pricing trends for organic produce. • http://www.certifiedorganic.bc.ca/rcbtoa/services/prices.html

See also: Growing for Market and Organic Business News Weekly Commodity Price Report in Chapter V, Industry Data Sources: Business/Trade Journals, Magazines, and Newsletters section.

#### Food Science

EAFUS: A Food Additive Database. U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN). Information on "over 2000 substances directly added to food, including substances regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as direct, 'secondary' direct, and color additives, and Generally Recognized As Safe (GRAS) and prior-sanctioned substances." ("Everything" Added to Food in the United States = EAFUS) 2 http://vm.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/eafus.html

Food Industry Research Center (FIRC). "Comprehensive, searchable archive that includes print and online content from seven of the industry's leading food publications." Full access is by paid subscription. 2

http://www.grocerynetwork.com/grocerynetwork/firc\_new/index.jsp

Food Science and Technology Abstracts (FSTA). International Food Information Service (IFIS) Over 640,000 references; "annual updates add approximately 18,000 references per year. FSTA covers all areas of food science, food technology, and human nutrition, including basic food science, biotechnology, toxicology, packaging, and engineering." Full access is by paid subscription. http://www.foodsciencecentral.com/

Food Science Central. IFIS Publishing. Provides access to various IFIS resources including FSTA - Food Science and Technology Abstracts® database (cited above) and an Information Alerts service (both feebased) and to a free, searchable database of over 2800 "editorially assessed" Web sites. 

http://www.foodsciencecentral.com/

Industrial and Applied Microbiology Abstracts (Microbiology A). Cambridge Scientific Abstracts. "Covers practical microbiological applications in the field of agricultural, food and beverage, chemical, and pharmaceutical industries. It includes such topics as antibiotic and antimicrobial agents, contamination, ripening, and fermentation process for foods, wines and beer...." Full access is by paid subscription.

http://www.csa.com/csa/ids/ids-main.shtml

*Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFST)*. UK professional organization publishes guides, monographs, FAQs, position papers and more. **② ③** http://www.ifst.org/

*Institute of Food Technologists (IFT), Meetings and Expositions.* **6** http://www.ift.org/cms/?pid=1000127

Organically Produced Foods: Nutritive Content, compiled by Mary Gold. (Special Reference Briefs Series, 2000-03) Alternative Farming Systems Information Center, National Agricultural Library, 2000. Bibliography documenting research on vitamin and mineral content, as well as related chemical constituents in organically grown foods. 

http://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/AFSIC pubs/srb0003.htm



## Organic Agricultural Products: Marketing & Trade Resources

## V. Industry Data Sources

#### About this section

This section focuses on sources of market data - journals and magazines, marketing research organizations and agencies, as well as suppliers of demographic data relevant to marketing enterprises. Descriptions in quotation marks are descriptions taken directly from the source's Web site or print publication. No endorsement by the Alternative Farming Systems Information Center is intended.

Online sites and documents are emphasized in these listings. Access to information in this section ranges from free online newsletters to print research reports costing thousands of dollars. Availability information is noted.

Many of the sources listed here are not specific to organic production and handling; however, they do contain information about food marketing and trading enterprises that organic marketers will find helpful. **Underlined titles are organic- and/or natural food-specific**.

### Related Chapters in this Publication

Regulations, Laws and Legislation; How-to Guides; Guides to Data, Suppliers, Outlets and Events; Market and Consumer Studies; Support Organizations.

#### Section headings

Selected Business/Trade Journals, Magazines, and Newsletters
Market Research and Consulting Firms Involved with Natural, Organic and Niche Food Products
U.S. Department of Agriculture - Market Data Sources
Organic-specific Commodity and Marketing Data
Selected General Commodity and Food Market Data
Other National and International Data Sources
Selected Trade Shows

## Selected Business/Trade Journals, Magazines and Newsletters

### Acres U.S.A. - The Magazine of Organic and Sustainable Agriculture [print, monthly]

Acres U.S.A., P.O. Box 91299, Austin, Texas 78709-1299

phone 800-355-5313 (toll free) or 512-892-4400, fax 512-892-4448, email: orders@acresusa.com http://www.acresusa.com/magazines/magazine.htm

#### **AgVentures** [print, 6/year]

Schatz Publishing Group, 11950 W. Highland Avenue, Blackwell OK 74631 phone 580-628-4551, fax 580-628-2011, email: AgVentures@aol.com

As of Feb. 2004, no new subscriptions are being accepted - publication will cease sometime in 2005. Back issues are still available; contact the publisher for information.

American Journal of Alternative Agriculture See: Renewable Agriculture and Food Systems, below.

#### American Small Farm [print, monthly]

267 Broad Street, Westerville OH 43081

phone 614-895-3755, fax 614-895-3757, email: martismith@smallfarm.com

http://www.smallfarm.com/

#### Asia and Middle East Food Trade [print, 4/year]

J. Latka Verlag GmbH. Heilsbachstrasse 32, D-53123 Bonn, Germany phone +49 228 91932-0, fax +49 228 91932-17, email: info@ameft.de http://www.ameft.de/

#### Asia Pacific Food Industry (English edition) [print and online, monthly]

AP Food Industry Publications, Eastern Trade Media Pte. Ltd., 8 Lorong Bakar Batu, #07-12, Singapore 348743

phone +65 743 6003, fax +65 842 2301/844 1863

http://www.apfoodonline.com/

#### **BioFach Newsletter** [online (free), bi-monthly] Online newsletter of the trade fair, BioFach...covers

"trends, new developments and facts concerning the ecological market."

NürnbergMesse GmbH, Messezentrum, 90471 Nürnberg Germany

phone +49 (0) 9 11 86 06-0, fax +49 (0) 9 11 86 06-82 28

http://www.biofach.de/main/d3zq3jg8/d6szfm8q/page.html

#### California Certified Organic Farmers Magazine [print and online (free), quarterly]

CCOF, 1115 Mission Street, Santa Cruz CA 95060

phone 831-423-2263 or 1-888-423-2263 (toll free), fax 831-423-4528

http://www.ccof.org/ccoffoundation/magazine.php

#### *The Communicator* (Organic Crop Improvement Association) [print and online (free), quarterly]

OCIA International, 6400 Cornhusker, Suite 125, Lincoln NE 68507

phone 402-477-2323, fax 402-477-4325, email: info@ocia.org

http://www.ocia.org/members/index.asp

### *The Community Farm* [print and online, quarterly]

Jim Sluyter and Joe Meller, The Community Farm, 3480 Potter Road, Bear Lake MN 49614

email: csafarm@jackpine.com

http://tcf.itgo.com/

#### Cooperative Grocer [print and online, bi-monthly]

Dave Gutknecht, editor, P.O. Box 597, Athens OH 45701 phone 800-878-7333 (toll free) or 740-592-1912, fax 740-594-4504, email: dave@cooperativegrocer.coop http://www.cooperativegrocer.coop/

#### **EU Food Law** [print and online, weekly]

Agra Europe (London) Ltd., 80 Calverley Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2UN, UK phone +44 01892 533813, fax +44 01892 544895, email: info@agra-europe.com http://www.agra-net.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?pagename=agra/puboptions&PageName=menu&pu bId=ag008

#### Food Distribution Magazine [print, monthly]

Phoenix Media Network, Inc., P.O. Box 810425, Boca Raton FL 33481-0955 phone 561-447-0810, fax 561-368-9125

#### Food Industry News [print and online, monthly]

Foodservice Publishing Co, Inc., O'Hare Office Center, 3166 South River Road, Suite 40, Des Plaines IL 60018-4204

phone 847-699-3300, fax 847-699-3307, email: info@foodindustrynews.com/

#### Food Industry Newsletter: All the Food News That Matters [print, 26/year]

Newsletters, Inc., P.O. Box 342730, Bethesda MD 20827-2730 phone 301-469-8507, fax 301-469-7271, email: foodltr@aol.com

### The Food Institute Report [print and online, weekly]

One Broadway, Elmwood Park NJ 07407 phone 201-791-5570, fax 201-791-5222, email: info@foodinstitute.com/

#### *Food Marketing and Technology* [print, bi-monthly]

Dr. Harnisch, Verlags GmbH, Blumenstrasse 15 - 90402 Nürnberg, 90402, Germany phone +49 911 20 18 0, fax +49 911 20 10 100, email: food@harnisch.com http://www.harnisch.com/magazin view harnisch.htm

*Food Processing* [print and online, monthly] Subscription includes issues of *Wellness Foods* magazine; both titles are free to qualified professionals.

Putnam Media, Inc., 555 W. Pierce Road, Suite 301, Itasca IL 60143 phone 630-467-1300, fax 630-467-1179 http://www.foodprocessing.com

#### **Food Technology** [print and online, monthly]

Institute of Food Technologists, 525 West Van Buren, Suite 1000, Chicago IL 60607 phone 312-782-8424, fax 312-782-8348, email: info@ift.org http://www.ift.org/cms/?pid=1000337

#### *Foodnews* [online, weekly]

Agra Europe (London) Ltd., 80 Calverley Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2UN, UK phone +44 01892 533813; Fax: +44 01892 544895, email: info@agra-europe.com http://www.agra-net.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?pagename=agra/puboptions&PageName=menu&pu bId=ag005

#### Frozen Food Age [print and online (free), monthly]

phone 646-654-7590, email: Cwestman@Frozenfoodage.com http://www.frozenfoodage.com/

Gourmet News [print and online, monthly] Free to qualified subscribers; Web site includes resources directory and buyers' guide.

United Publications, 106 Lafayette Street, P.O. Box 995, Yarmouth ME 04096 phone 207-846-0600, fax 207-846-0657, email: info@gourmetnews.com http://www.gourmetnews.com/

#### *The Gourmet Retailer* [print, monthly]

3301 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Suite 300, Coral Gables FL 33134 phone 1-847-763-9050, fax 1-847-763-9037, email: go@halldata.com http://www.gourmetretailer.com/gourmetretailer/index.jsp

#### GreenMoney Journal [print and online, bi-monthly]

P.O. Box 67, Santa Fe NM 87504

phone 504-988-7423 or 800-849-8751 (toll free), email: info@greenmoneyjournal.com http://www.greenmoneyjournal.com/

Growing for Market: News and Ideas for Market Gardeners [print, monthly] Each issue includes brief monthly organic produce price report. Index to past articles available at:

http://www.growingformarket.com/articles.html

Fairplain Publications, P.O. Box 3747, Lawrence KS 66046

phone 785-748-0605 or 800-307-8949 (toll free), fax 785-748-0609, email:

growing4market@earthlink.net

http://www.growingformarket.com/gfm.html

## Health Products Business: The Business Publication of the Natural Foods Industry [print and online,

monthly] Subscription includes annual publication: Purchasing Guide.

Cygnus Business Media, 445 Broad Hollow Road, Suite 21, Melville NY 11747-3601 phone 631-845-2700, fax 631-845-7109

http://www.healthproductsbusiness.com

### *The Inspectors' Report* [print and online (free), quarterly]

Independent Organic Inspectors Association (IOIA), P.O. Box 6, Broadus MT 50317-0006 phone 406-436-2031, email: ioia@ioia.net http://www.ioia.net

#### Journal of Food Products Marketing [print, quarterly]

Haworth Press, Inc., Food Products Press, 10 Alice Street, Binghamton NY 13904-1580 phone 607-722-5857 or 800-429-6784 (toll free), email: getinfo@haworthpressinc.com http://www.haworthpressinc.com/store/product.asp?sku=J038

#### Journal of International Food and Agribusiness Marketing [print, quarterly]

Haworth Press, Inc., Food Products Press, 10 Alice Street, Binghamton NY 13904-1580 phone 607-722-5857 or 800-429-6784 (toll free), email: getinfo@haworthpressinc.com http://www.haworthpress.com/store/product.asp?sku=J047

*Just-food.com: Business Knowledge Providers* [online, daily] Also provides access to research reports and features.

Just-food.com, c/o Aroq Ltd., Seneca House, Buntsford Park Road, Bromsgrove, Worcs, B60 3DX, UK. phone +44 (0)1527 573600 or 011-800-1234-JUST (5878) (toll free from US/Canada), fax: +44 (0)1527 577423, email: info@aroq.com

http://www.just-food.com/index.asp?c=1

## **Lohas Journal: Lifestyles of Health and Sustainability** [print and online, quarterly] **Lohas Journal Weekly** [online, weekly]

Natural Business Communications, 360 Interlocken Boulevard, Suite 350, Broomfield CO 80021 phone 303-442-8983, fax 303-440-7741, email: info@LohasJournal.com http://www.LohasJournal.com

## Natural Foods Merchandiser: New Ideas, Trends, Products for the Natural and Organic Foods

<u>Industry</u> [print and online (free), monthly] Free to qualified subscribers.

New Hope Natural Media, 1401 Pearl Street, Boulder CO 80302

phone 888-721-4321 (toll-free), fax 303-939-9886, email: publications@newhope.com http://www.naturalfoodsmerchandiser.com/ASP/home.asp

<u>Natural Products Industry Insider</u> [print and online (free), monthly] Email newsletter and additional services available via Web site.

Virgo Publishing, P.O. Box 40079, Phoenix AZ 85067-0079 phone 480-990-1101, fax 480-990-0819, email: peggyj@vpico.com http://www.naturalproductsinsider.com/

<u>NewFarm.org Newsletter</u> [online, monthly] Text and interactive articles on organic production and marketing.

http://www.newfarm.org/archive/newsletters.shtml

<u>New Nutrition Business</u> [print and online,11/year] Web site includes a "fully-searchable database of information on companies, markets, products, regulation and nutrition news." Centre for Food & Health Studies, Crown House, 72 Hammersmith Road, London W14 8TH, UK phone +00 44 (0)20 7533 6598, fax +00 44 (0)207533 6600, email: miranda.mills@new-nutrition.com http://www.new-nutrition.com/

#### **The Non-GMO Source** [print and online, monthly]

Writing Solutions, Inc., P.O. Box 436, 304 West Kirkwood Avenue, Suite #7, Fairfield IA 52556 phone 800-854-0586 (toll free) or 641-472-1491, email: ken@non-gmosource.com http://www.non-gmosource.com/

#### **Nutrition Business Journal** [print and online, monthly]

Nutrition Business International, Inc., 4452 Park Boulevard, Suite 306, San Diego CA 92116 phone 619-295-7685 ext.13, fax 619-295-5743, email: info@nutritionbusiness.com http://www.nutritionbusiness.com

#### **OMRI Update** [print, quarterly]

Organic Materials Review Institute, Box 11558, Eugene OR 97440-3758 phone 541-343-7600, fax 541-343-8971, email: info@omri.org http://www.omri.org/OMRI subscribe info.html

Organic and Natural News [online, irregular] No longer published; back issues/reprints available on request.

Virgo Publishing, Inc., 3300 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix AZ 85012 phone 480-990-1101, fax 480-990-0819, email: onn@vpico.com

#### *Organic Business News: The Voice of the Organic Food Industry* [print, monthly]

Hotline Publishing, P.O. Box 161132, Altamonte Springs FL 32716 phone 407-628-1377, fax 407-628-9935 http://www.hotlineprinting.com/obn.html

Organic Business News Weekly Commodity Price Report [print, weekly] Available via fax; "listing current farmgate and wholesale prices on over 100 commodities." Hotline Publishing, P.O. Box 161132, Altamonte Springs FL 32716-1132 phone 407-628-1377, fax 407-628-9935 http://www.hotlineprinting.com/obn.html

### Organic Bytes: Organic News Tidbits With an Edge [online (free), bi-monthly] Organic Consumers Association, 6101 Cliff Estate Rd, Little Marais MN 55614 phone 218-226-4164, fax 218-353-7652

http://www.organicconsumers.org/organicbytes.htm

#### **The Organic Harvester** [print and online (free), quarterly]

Mountain State Organic Growers and Buyers Association (MSOGBA), 6103 Clevelandtown Road, Boonsboro MD 21713-2728 phone 301-432-4624

http://www.wvu.edu/~agexten/org&agny/msogba/newsltr.htm

Organic Newsline Ezine. [online, weekly ] UK industry news published in conjunction with Organic & Natural Business in association with Organic Trade Services.

The Old Dairy, Hudson's Farm, Fieldgate Lane, Ugley Green, Essex, CM22 6HJ, UK email: info@organicTS.com http://www.organicts.com/

**Organic Perspectives** [online (free), irregular] "Contains reports on organics from around the world gleaned from U.S. attaché reports, trips made by FAS staff, and other sources." USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS).

http://www.fas.usda.gov/agx/organics/organics.html

The Organic Report [print, monthly] "Member News Magazine of the Organic Trade Association." OTA, P.O. Box 547, Greenfield MA 01302 phone 413-774-7511, fax 413-774-6432, email: info@ota.com http://www.ota.com/

*The Organic Standard* [print (e-mail subscription), monthly] Covers "developments concerning worldwide standards and certification issues."

Grolink AB, Torfolk, 684 95 Höje, Sweden

phone +46-563-72345, fax +46-563-72066, email: office@organicstandard.com

http://www.organicstandard.com/

#### *Organic Trade Services: News/Analysis* [online, continuous]

Organic and Natural Business in association with Organic Trade Services.

http://www.organicts.com/newspro/newsindex.html

*The Packer* [print and online, weekly] Print subscription includes annual publications: *Fresh Trends* (profile of the fresh produce consumer); *Produce Availability & Merchandising Guide*; and *Produce Services Sourcebook*. Archived articles also available.

Vance Publishing Corporation, Produce Division, 10901 W. 84<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Lenexa KS 66214-0695 phone 913-438-8700, fax 913-438-0691, email: subscription@thepacker.com/

*Prepared Foods* [print and online, monthly] Free to qualified subscribers.

Prepared Foods e-NewsWeekly [online, weekly]

**Business News Publishing** 

http://www.preparedfoods.com/

## Produce Business: The International Business Magazine Serving the Fruit, Vegetable and Floral Industries [print, monthly]

Phoenix Media Network, Inc., P.O. Box 810425, Boca Raton FL 33481-0955 phone 561-447-0810, fax 561-368-9125

Progressive Grocer: The Comprehensive Source for Food Retailers [print and online, monthly]

770 Broadway, New York NY 10003-9595

phone 646-654-7456, fax 646-654-7463, email: Jsummerour@ProgressiveGrocer.com

http://www.progressivegrocer.com/

#### *The Provender Journal* [print, bi-monthly]

Provender Alliance, 942 Osprey Drive, Umpqua OR 97486

phone 888-352-7431, fax 541-450-0041, email: info@provender.org

http://www.provender.org/journal.htm

**Renewable Agriculture and Food Systems** [print and online, quarterly] Formerly titled American Journal of Alternative Agriculture.

CABI Publishing, North America, North American Office, 875 Massachusetts Avenue, 7th Floor, Cambridge MA 02139

phone 800-528-4841 (toll free) or 617-395-4056, fax 617-354-6875, email: cabi-nao@cabi.org http://www.cabi-publishing.org/Journals.asp?SubjectArea=&PID=21

#### **Restaurant Business** [online, biweekly]

P.O. Box 1252, Skokie IL 60076-9719

phone 847-763-9050, fax 847-763-9037, email: rb@halldata.com

http://www.restaurantbiz.com/restaurantbusiness/index.jsp

#### **Small Farm News** [print and online, quarterly]

Small Farm Center, University of California, One Shields Avenue, Davis CA 95616

phone 530-752-8136, email: sfcenter@ucdavis.edu

http://www.sfc.ucdavis.edu/pubs/SFNews/news.htm

#### **Small Farm Today** [print, 6/year]

3903 W. Ridge Trail Road, Clark MO 65243-9525

phone 573-687-3525 or 800-633-2535 (toll free), fax 573-687-3148, email: smallfarm@socket.net http://www.smallfarmtoday.com

#### **Smart Marketing** [online, monthly] Extension newsletter.

Department of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University http://aem.cornell.edu/special programs/hortmgt/smart marketing/index.htm

Specialty Food Magazine [print and online, monthly] Specialty Food News, the daily email update also available. Free to qualified subscribers.

National Association for the Specialty Food Trade, Inc., 120 Wall Street, 27th Floor, New York NY 10005

phone 212-482-6440, fax 212-482-6459

http://www.specialtyfoodmagazine.com/index.htm

#### Stagnito's New Products Magazine: Food and Beverage from Concept to Consumer [print, monthly] Free to qualified subscribers.

Stagnito Communications, Inc., 155 Pfingsten Road, Suite 205, Deerfield IL 60015 phone 847-205-5660, fax 847-205-5680, email: info@stagnito.com http://www.newproductsmag.com/

#### *The Stockman Grass Farmer: The Grazier's Edge* [print, monthly]

Mississippi Valley Publishing Corp., 282 Commerce Park Drive, Ridgeland MS 39157 phone 601-853-1861 or 800-748-9808 (toll free), fax 601-853-8087, email:

SGF@StockmanGrassFarmer.com

http://www.stockmangrassfarmer.com/sgf/

Wellness Foods. See Food Processing Magazine.

## Whole Foods: The Natural Foods Business Journal [print, 13/year] Subscription includes annual

publication: Source Directory.

WFC, Inc., 3000 Hadley Road, South Plainfield NJ 07080

phone 908-769-1160, fax 908-769-1171, email: info@wfcinc.com

http://www.wfcinc.com/index.htm

#### World Food Law [print, monthly]

Agra Europe (London) Ltd. 80 Calverley Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2UN, UK phone +44 0 1892 533813, fax +44 0 1892 544895, email: info@agra-europe.com http://www.agra-net.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?pagename=agra/puboptions&PageName=menu&pu bId=ag05

World Food Regulation Review [print and online, monthly] Incorporating International Food Safety News.

Research Information Ltd., 222 Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. HP2 7TD, UK phone +44 (0)20 8328 2470 & 2471, fax +44 (0)1442 259395, email: info@researchinformation.co.uk http://www.researchinformation.co.uk/wfrr.php

#### *The World of Food Science* [online, 3/year]

Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) and The International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST), 525 West Van Buren, Suite 1000, Chicago IL 60607 phone 312-782-8424, fax 312-782-8348, email: info@ift.org http://209.242.196.24/cms/

# Market Research and Consulting Firms Involved with Natural, Organic and Niche Food Products

This list is representative, not comprehensive. Descriptions in quotation marks are descriptions taken directly from the source's Web site or print publication. No endorsement by the Alternative Farming Systems Information Center is intended.

**agAccess Information Services**. "Business consulting and market research services for growers and the agribusiness industry, food processing and food marketing companies, commodity associations and agricultural cooperatives."

424 Second Street, Suite B, Davis CA 95616 phone 530-756-0778, fax 530-756-0484, email: ais@ceresgroup.com http://www.ceresgroup.com/ais/index.html

<u>AgriSystems International</u>. "Assist producers and food processors in preparing for organic inspection and certification, organic product labeling and trade regulatory import/export requirements and sourcing."

125 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Wind Gap PA 18091 phone 610-863-6700, fax 610-863-4622, email: agrisys1@aol.com www.agrisystemsinternational.com

Agricultural Marketing Resource Center (AgMRC). See listing in Chapter IV under General Marketing. "Value-added businesses and groups can post Requests for Proposals (RFPs) at this location and browse specific consultants or classes of consultants (listed in the Directory of Value-added Consultants and Service Providers). You can use this free service by sending AgMRC your RFP." 1111 NSRIC, Iowa State University, Ames IA 50011-3310 phone 866-277-5567 (toll free), fax 515-294-9496, email: agmrc@iastate.edu http://www.agmrc.org

<u>Ascent Marketing</u>. "Supporting Natural, Sustainable and Eco-Tech Products Since 1982" 3043 9th Street, Boulder CO 80304 phone 303-417-9377, fax 303-417-9382, email: ascent@ascentmarketing.com/

**Avatar Marketing, Inc.** "Avatar Marketing specializes in building sales on behalf of manufacturers in the natural products, mass market, gourmet, specialty, and gift industries."

7500 West Lake Mead Boulevard, Suite #9-608, Las Vegas NV 89128 phone 702-838-7730, fax 702-838-7736, email: avatar@avatarmarketing.com/

**<u>Bioherb.</u>** "Consulting for international organic agriculture and medicinal plants." Postfach 1216, D-37202 Witzenhausen, Germany phone ++49-(0)-5542-6466, fax ++49-(0)-5542-72891, email: info@bioherb.de http://www.bioherb.de/online/index e.html

Business Communications Company, Inc. (BCC). "Industry reports, newsletters and conferences..."

Products include: The Growing Food Testing Business: Pathogens, Pesticides and GMOs and Functional/Nutraceutical/Wellness Foods and Beverages.

25 Van Zant Street, Norwalk CT 06855-1781

phone 203-853-4266, fax 203-853-0348, email: info@bccresearch.com

http://www.buscom.com/food/

<u>Compass Natural Marketing</u>. "Full-service marketing communications and strategic planning consulting firm serving natural, organic, sustainable and socially responsible businesses." http://www.compassnaturalmarketing.com/

**Datamonitor**. Products include: *United States Baby Food* and *Natural, Vegetarian and Ethical Consumption*. In addition, *Reuters Business Insight (RBI)* is the name of a series of management reports that are produced in association with Datamonitor.

U.S. Office: 245 Fifth Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York NY 10016

phone 212-686 7400, fax 212-686-2626, email: usinfo@datamonitor.com http://www.datamonitor.com/

*Eckert AgriMarketing*. "Jane Eckert: AgriTourism Speaker & Direct Farm Marketing Consultant" 8054 Teasdale Avenue, St. Louis MO 63130 phone 314-862-6288, fax: 314-721-0825, email: jane@eckertagrimarketing.com/

*Euromonitor*. "Provider of global market intelligence, tracking international trends in both consumer and industrial markets..." Products include: *World Food Marketing Directory*U.S. Office:122 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 1200, Chicago IL 60603
phone 312-922-1115, fax 312-922-1157, email: insight@euromonitorintl.com
http://www.euromonitor.com/

Frost & Sullivan. "An international marketing consulting and training company..." Products include: U.S. Soy-Based Meat Alternatives Market and European Organic Dairy Markets.

U.S. Office: 7550 West Interstate 10, Suite 400, San Antonio TX 78229-5616 (see Web site for other U.S. locations) phone 877-463-7678 (toll-free) or 210-348-1000, fax 888-690-3329 http://awards.frost.com/prod/servlet/frost-home.pag

*The Hartman Group*. "A full-service consulting and market research firm offering a wide range of services and products focusing on the health and wellness markets..." Products include: *The Organic Consumer Profile* and *Organic Lifestyle Shopper Study*.

1621 114<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.E., #105, Bellevue WA 98004

phone 425-452-0818, fax 425-452-9092, email: info@hartman-group.com http://www.hartman-group.com/

*HealthFocus International*. "Marketing research and consulting firm specializing in consumer health & nutrition trends."

1140 Hightower Trail, Suite 201, Atlanta GA 30350

phone 770-645-1999, fax 770-518-0630, email: hfocus@bellsouth.net

http://www.healthfocus.net/mainpage.htm

Mintel International Group, Ltd. "European, UK-specific, and US consumer intelligence reports..." Products include Organic Foods and Organic Food and Drink Retailing.

U.S. Office: 213 W. Institute Place, Suite 208, Chicago IL 60610 phone 312-943-5250, fax 312-932-0469, email: info@mintel.com

http://reports.mintel.com/sinatra/mintel/about/

<u>The Natural Marketing Institute (NMI)</u>. "Business consulting and market research firm within the world of health and wellness..." Products include: *Opportunity Profile: Consumers Eating Healthy Away-From-Home*, 2002 Organic Consumer Trends Report (OCTR), and The 2003 Health and Wellness Trends Report (HWTR).

272 Ruth Road, Harleysville PA 19438

phone 215-513-7300 ext. 216, fax 215-513-1713, email: Joe@NMIsolutions.com http://www.nmisolutions.com/

<u>New Hope Natural Media</u>. Provides "integrated marketing solutions that help companies reach their markets, whether around the corner or around the world..." Publishers of two trade magazines, *Natural Foods Merchandiser* and *Nutrition Business Journal*. Products include: *NBJ's U.S. Organic Food Industry Report 2001* and *Data Chart - Organic & Natural Foods Sales Data*; sponsors natural product expos/trade shows.

1401 Pearl Street, Boulder CO 80302 phone 303-939-8440, fax 303-998-9020, email: customerservice@newhope.com http://www.newhope.com/

*Organic Monitor*. "Provider of Business Intelligence on the International Organic Food Industry." http://www.organicmonitor.com/

<u>Organic Trade Association (OTA)</u>. "Membership-based business association for the organic industry in North America." Resources include the *Organic Pages Online*.

P.O. Box 547, Greenfield MA 01302

phone 413-774-7511, fax 413-774-6432, email: info@ota.com

http://www.ota.com/

<u>PortiaSun</u>. "Producers: PortiaSun makes markets for small, pro-sustainability orientated producers from around the World. Retailers: PortiaSun aims to put you in contact with quality producers of the products you wish to source."

Ballinakill, Ballinamult, Via Clonmel, Co. Waterford, Ireland phone 00 353 (0)87 6595951, email: info@portiasun.org

http://www.portiasun.org

**Promar International, Inc.** "Provide strategic marketing and business consulting to help companies in agri-food and branded food and beverage industries."

1101 King Street, Suite 444, Alexandria VA 22314

phone 703-739-9090, fax 703-739-9098, email: Promar@promarinternational.com http://www.promarinternational.com/index.html

Sparks Companies, Inc. "Broad-based agricultural and commodity market research, analysis and consulting." Products include: Organic Foods in North America: Major Opportunity or Perpetual Niche Market? and Food Traceability: Standards and Systems for Tracing and Tracking Food and Agri-Products.

775 Ridge Lake Boulevard, Suite 400, Memphis TN 38120-9403 phone 901-766-4600, fax 901-766-4470, email: info@sparksco.com/http://www.sparksco.com/

<u>SPINS</u>. "Offers a range of sales tracking and consumer information services to meet the needs of current industry participants, as well as companies and individuals seeking new opportunities in this segment." Products include: <u>SPINS/ACNielsen/Natural Product Consumer Insights</u> and <u>ACNielsen ScanTrack</u>: <u>SPINS Natural Track</u>.

118 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, San Francisco CA 94105 phone 415-957-4400, fax 415-957-4401, email: info@SPINS.com http://www.spins.com/

<u>Straus Communications</u>. "Public relations and marketing services for organic products, sustainable agriculture, and environmentally focused organizations and companies." 28 Second Street, Suite 500, San Francisco CA 94105 phone 415-777-1170, fax 415-777-4045, email: Office@StrausCom.com <a href="http://www.strauscom.com/">http://www.strauscom.com/</a>

## U.S. Department of Agriculture - Market Data Sources

## \* Organic-specific Commodity and Marketing Data \*

<u>See also</u>: Chapter IV, *Commodity Price Indexes* section and individual USDA-generated reports referenced throughout.

<u>National Organic Program</u></u>. USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS). Regulatory and certification information and contacts. See also listing in Chapter II, <u>Federal Laws and Regulations</u>. http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/

<u>Organic Products</u>. USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS). Includes selected *Attaché Reports* and *GAIN Reports* from other countries with data on organic markets and production, the *Organic Perspectives* newsletter, and *Organic, Natural and Wellness Products at Natural Products Expo West Anaheim, CA - March 6-9, 2003*.

http://www.fas.usda.gov/agx/organics/organics.html

<u>Organic Farming and Marketing Briefing Room</u>. USDA Economic Research Service (ERS). Includes the recent bulletins, *Recent Growth Patterns in the U.S. Organic Foods Market* and *U.S. Organic* 

Farming in 2000-2001: Adoption of Certified Systems, The 2002 Farm Bill: Organic Agriculture Provisions, as well as access to data on Organic Wholesale Prices and on Organic Production. http://www.ers.usda.gov/briefing/Organic/

<u>U.S. Organic Agriculture</u>. (Harmony Between Agriculture and the Environment: Current Issues) USDA Economic Research Service (ERS).

http://www.ers.usda.gov/emphases/harmony/issues/organic/organic.html

Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) National Projects Database. USDA Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES). Searchable database of SARE-funded research projects; relevant data in reports may be found by searching on "organic marketing." The SARE Web site also includes production and marketing publications and SARE-related contacts.

http://www.sare.org/reporting/report viewer.asp

#### \* Selected General Commodity and Food Market Data \*

*United States Department of Agriculture Economics and Statistics System*. Albert R. Mann Library, Cornell University. "The USDA Economics and Statistics System contains nearly 300 reports and datasets from the economics agencies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. These materials cover U.S. and international agriculture and related topics. Most reports are text files that contain time-sensitive information. Most data sets are in spreadsheet format and include time-series data that are updated yearly."

http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/

## Selected Commodity and Market Data Sources: USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Homepage http://www.ams.usda.gov/

AMS Market News. "Reports include information on prices, volume, quality, condition, and other market data on farm products in specific markets and marketing areas. Reports cover both domestic and international markets."

http://www.ams.usda.gov/marketnews.htm

Fruit & Vegetable Market Reports http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/mncs/fvwires.htm

Terminal Market Herb Report http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/mncs/termherb.htm

*State Marketing Profiles.* Organic Agriculture contacts and programs are included for each state. http://www.ams.usda.gov/statesummaries/

Where Can I Get Assistance for my Market Project? USDA Funding programs. http://www.ams.usda.gov/directmarketing/funding.htm

#### Selected Commodity and Market Data Sources: USDA Economic Research Service (ERS)

Homepage http://www.ers.usda.gov/

Agricultural Outlook Magazine. Ceased publication with the December 2002 issue. Archived issues are online. See Amber Waves for replacement publication. Outlook statistical indicators that formerly appeared in this magazine continue to be available at

http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/Agoutlook/AOTables/ http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/AgOutlook/Archives/

Amber Waves (magazine) http://www.ers.usda.gov/Amberwaves/

ERS Data. "ERS produces data products in a range of formats, including online databases, spreadsheets, and web files. All products online are available at no charge." Data sets include: Retail Scanner Prices for Meat, Commodity Costs and Returns, Organic Production. http://www.ers.usda.gov/Data/

ERS Subject Specialists Directory http://www.ers.usda.gov/AboutERS/specialists/

Food Consumption Briefing Room http://www.ers.usda.gov/briefing/consumption/

Food CPI, Prices, and Expenditures Briefing Room http://www.ers.usda.gov/briefing/CPIFoodAndExpenditures/

Food Market Structures Briefing Room http://www.ers.usda.gov/briefing/foodmarketstructures/

Food Marketing and Price Spreads http://www.ers.usda.gov/briefing/foodpricespreads/

FoodReview Magazine. Ceased publication with the December 2002 issue. Archived issues are online. See *Amber Waves* for replacement publication. http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/FoodReview/Archives/

Foreign Agricultural Trade of the United States (FATUS). Database of "200+ commodity groups; 250+ countries and regions; 12 years of data; 950,000 data records." http://www.ers.usda.gov/data/fatus/

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Briefing Room http://www.ers.usda.gov/briefing/nafta/

Outlook Reports. These reports "provide current and prospective information on commodity supply, demand, and price conditions. Annual yearbooks include historical data series on acreage, yield, supply, domestic use, foreign trade, and price and topical articles pertinent to understanding the U.S. and global markets." Topics include "Aquaculture," "Cotton and Wool," "Feed," "Floriculture and Nursery Crops," "Fruit and Tree Nuts," "Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry," "Oil Crops," "U.S.

Agricultural Trade," "Rice, Sugar and Sweeteners," "Tobacco Outlook," "Vegetables and Specialties/Melons," and "Wheat."

http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/outlook/

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http://www.fas.usda.gov/agexport/tleadsinfo.html

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Homepage http://www.nass.usda.gov/

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http://www.worldbank.org/data/

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Lisa Murray, All Things Organic, Diversified Business Communications, 121 Free Street, P.O. Box 7437, Portland ME 04112-7437

phone 207-842-5468, fax 207-842-5503, email: lmurray@divcom.com

http://www.atoexpo.com/index.asp

**BioFach 2004**. Annual World Organic Trade Fairs/Expos and related international events.

Contact for U.S. event in Washington DC: Elien Gehrig, Event Coordinator

phone +49 (0) 911.86 06-86 92, fax +49 (0) 911.86 06-86 94, email:

elien.gehrig@nuernbergglobalfairs.com

http://www.biofach.de/

#### National Nutritional Foods Association Natural Products Trade Show and Convention.

Anne McConahey, Event Manager

phone 949-622-6272 ext. 238 or 800-966-6632 (toll free), email: amcconahey@nnfa.org http://www.nnfa.org/tradeshow04/index.htm

#### Natural Products Expo - West and East. New Hope Natural Media.

phone 866-458-4935 (toll free, U.S. only) or 303-390-1776, email: tradeshows@newhope.com http://www.expowest.com/ or http://www.expoeast.com/

Specialty Food Shows. National Association for the Specialty Food Trade, Inc. "The NASFT has sponsored and produced the high-profile, well-attended International Fancy Food & Confection Shows since 1955."

phone 212-482-6440 ext. 250, email: membership@fancyfoodshows.com http://www.specialtyfood.com/do/fancyFoodShow/LocationsAndDates

#### World Congress on Organic Food: Meeting the Challenges of Safety and Quality for Fruits,

**Vegetables, and Grains.** National Food Safety and Toxicology Center, Michigan State University. First World Congress to be held March 29-31, 2004.

phone 517-432-3100, fax 517-432-2310

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### Organic Agricultural Products: Marketing & Trade Resources

### VI. Market and Consumer Studies

#### About this section

This section contains references to specific documents about the organic market, including economic analyses, consumer surveys and market and industry studies. Documents that offer some sort of Internet access are emphasized. Links to full text documents are included where available; references with only partial information online are so noted. All documents date from 1999 to the present, and are arranged by year.

Please note: A great deal of valuable marketing insight can be gained by reading newspaper, journal and magazine articles - sources not readily available or searchable on the Internet. These types of documents are included only incidentally in this publication. For a sampling of newspaper and journal articles about organic marketing issues, see the bibliography, *Organic Foods: Markets and Marketing*, a bibliography of "Recent Books, Articles, News Items, Reports, and Videos" listed in Part IV of this publication. <u>See also</u>: Appendix E: *Obtaining Full-text Journal Articles*.

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# Organic Agricultural Products: Marketing & Trade Resources VII. Support Organizations

#### About this section

There are many organizations that support, in some fashion, commercial organic enterprises. Directories of these organizations many be found on several Web sites and in print directories, some of which are listed in Section V of this publication. This section presents only a few selected and representative organizations, along with suggestions and links to enable the searcher to find additional support organizations most relevant to his/her enterprise and geographic location. Emphasis is on U.S. organizations.

#### Related Chapters in this Publication

Regulations, Laws and Legislation; How-to Guides; Guides to Data, Suppliers, Outlets and Events; Industry Data Sources; Market and Consumer Studies

#### Section headings

Selected National Support Groups
Where and How to Find Additional Support Groups

#### Selected National Support Groups

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phone 866-277-5567 (toll free), fax 515-294-9496, email: agmrc@iastate.edu http://www.agmrc.org

Allan Savory Center for Holistic Management. "Holistic Management has helped people all over the world more effectively manage all their resources in a truly sustainable way." 1010 Tijeras NW. Albuquerque NM 87102 phone 505-842-5252, fax 505-843-7900, email: savorycenter@holisticmanagement.org http://www.holisticmanagement.org/

Alternative Farming Systems Information Center (AFSIC). Library services and reference publications from the USDA National Agricultural Library.

10301 Baltimore Avenue, Room 132, Beltsville MD 20705-2351 phone 301-504-6559, TDD 301-504-6856, fax 301-504-6409, email: afsic@nal.usda.gov http://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/

American Grassfed Association. "Organized to protect and promote true grassfed producers and grassfed products; as a cooperating multi species entity, that outreaches nationally through Communication, Education, Research and Marketing."

P.O. Box 400, Kiowa CO 80117

phone 877-77-GRASS (774-7277), fax 877-77-GRASS, email: aga@americangrassfed.org http://www.americangrassfed.org/

Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas (ATTRA). "Provides information and other technical assistance to farmers, ranchers, Extension agents, educators, and others involved in sustainable agriculture in the United States."

P.O. Box 3657. Favetteville AR 72702 phone 800-346-9140 (toll free, English), 800-411-3222 (toll free, Español) http://attra.ncat.org/

Center for Rural Affairs. "A private, non-profit organization...working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities."

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phone 402-687-2100, fax 402-687-2200, email: info@cfra.org

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Chefs Collaborative: Partners in Local, Artisanal, and Sustainable Cuisine. "National network of more than 1,000 members of the food community who promote sustainable cuisine by celebrating the joys of local, seasonal, and artisanal cooking." 2nd edition of Chefs Collaborative Restaurant Guide is now available.

262 Beacon Street, Boston MA 02116

phone 617-236-5200, fax 617-236-5272, email: info@chefscollaborative.org

http://www.chefscollaborative.org/

**Community Food Security Coalition (CFSC)**. Seeking "to develop self-reliance among all communities in obtaining their food and to create a system of growing, manufacturing, processing, making available, and selling food that is regionally based and grounded in the principles of justice, democracy, and sustainability." Includes Farm-to-School Program support.

P.O. Box 209, Venice CA 90294

phone 310-822-5410, fax 310-822-1440, email: andy@foodsecurity.org

http://www.foodsecurity.org/

*The Food Alliance*. "Promotes sustainable agriculture by recognizing and rewarding farmers who produce food in environmentally and socially responsible ways, and educating consumers and others in the food system about the benefits of sustainable agriculture."

1829 NE Alberta, # 5, Portland OR 97211

phone 503-493-1066, fax 503-493-1069, email: info@thefoodalliance.org

http://www.thefoodalliance.org/

The Food Industry Center. "Advancing knowledge about processing, distribution, sales, and food service." Products include: The Price of Launching a New Product: Empirical Evidence on Factors Affecting the Relative Magnitude of Slotting Allowances and Twin City Natural Food Co-Ops: The Role of Customer Preferences and Characteristics When Choosing Among Structural Options. Also publishes an online Newsletter.

University of Minnesota Department of Applied Economics, 317 Classroom Office Building, 1994 Buford Avenue, St. Paul MN 55108-6040

phone 612-625-7019, fax 612-625-2729

http://trfic.umn.edu/

*Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP)*. "Promotes resilient family farms, rural communities and ecosystems around the world through research and education, science and technology, and advocacy."

2105 First Avenue South, Minneapolis MN 55404

phone 612-870-0453, fax 612-870-4846, email: iatp@iatp.org

http://www.iatp.org

*Institute for Food Laws and Regulations (IFLR)*. "Dedicated to providing a global perspective on the challenges and opportunities in the international food trade through our Study Abroad Program, Internet Food Law Certificate Program, workshops, lectures and seminars."

165 National Food Safety and Toxicology Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing MI 48224 phone 517-355-8295

http://www.iflr.msu.edu/

International HACCP Alliance. "The International HACCP Alliance was developed to provide a uniform program to assure safer meat and poultry products." News and "Scientific Article Library." 120 Rosenthal Center, 2471 TAMU, College Station TX 77843-2471 phone 979-862-3643, fax 979-862-3075, email: kharris@tamu.edu http://haccpalliance.org

*National Nutritional Foods Association (NNFA)*. Lobbying organization that offers members "NNFA MarketPlace, NNFA's annual convention and trade show, and the association's several publications, including the award-winning monthly newsletter, *NNFA Today*.

3931 MacArthur Blvd., Ste. 101, Newport Beach CA 92660-3013

phone 949-622-6272 or 800-966-6632 (toll free), fax 949 622-6266, email: nnfa@nnfa.org

http://nnfa.org/

North American Farmers' Direct Marketing Association (NAFDMA). Non-profit membership organization "fostering growth throughout the farm direct marketing community." Publications and annual conference.

62 Whiteloaf Road, Southampton MA 01073 phone 888-884-9270 (toll free) or 413-529-0386, fax 413-529-2471 http://www.nafdma.com/

The NxLevel Training Network. Training curriculums (offered in many states) include NxLevel for Business Start-ups, for Entrepreneurs, for Enterprising Youth, for Micro-Entrepreneurs, for Agricultural Entrepreneurs and for Alternative Agriculture. Includes "Business Resources on the Net" linking page. http://www.nxlevel.org/Pages/main.html

The Organic Alliance. "Promotes the environmental and economic benefits of certified organic food production to farmers, processors, distributors, retailers, and consumers." 400 Selby Avenue, Suite T, St. Paul MN 55102 http://www.organic.org/

Organic Center for Education and Promotion: Proving the Organic Benefit. "helps consumers, policy makers, researchers and the media understand the benefits organic products provide to society." Affiliated with the Organic Trade Association (OTA), contact information below. http://www.ota.com/organiccenter/index.html

Organic Consumers Association: Campaigning for Food Safety, Organic Agriculture, Fair Trade & Sustainability. "Promotes food safety, organic farming and sustainable agriculture practices in the U.S. and internationally." Database of news articles, links, and newsletter service. 6101 Cliff Estate Road, Little Marais MN 55614 phone 218-226-4164, fax 218-226-4157 http://OrganicConsumers.org/

Organic Farmers' Agency for Relationship Marketing - OFARM. "Mission statement: To coordinate efforts of producer marketing groups to benefit and sustain organic producers." Provides newsletter, conference listings, "Dairy Pay-Price Comparisons," and "OFARM Target Price List" for organic field

Oren Holle, President, 979 Second Road, Bremen KS 66412 phone 866-846-5522 (toll free) or 785-337-2662, email: oholle@kansas.net http://www.ofarm.org/

Organic Farming Research Foundation (OFRF). "To foster the improvement and widespread adoption of organic farming practices." Products include: National Organic Farmers' Survey (biennial survey includes responses to questions about "Organic Marketing") P.O. Box 440, Santa Cruz CA 95061 phone 831-426-6606, fax 831-426-6670, email: research@ofrf.org

http://www.ofrf.org/

Organic Grapes into Wine Alliance (OGWA). "Support the production of wines made from organically grown grapes...through establishing production standards, education, cooperation and leadership." 1592 Union Street, Suite 350, San Francisco CA 94123-4531 phone 415-256-8888

http://www.organicwine.com/

*Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI)*. "Nonprofit organization that specializes in the review of substances for use in organic production, processing, and handling." See description in Chapter II and OMRI publication descriptions in Chapter V.

Box 11558, Eugene OR 97440-3758

phone 541-343-7600, fax 541-343-8971, email: info@omri.org

http://www.omri.org/

*Organic Trade Association (OTA)*. See description in Chapter V. P.O. Box 547, Greenfield MA 01302 phone 413-774-7511, fax 413-774-6432, email: info@ota.com/

*Organic Trade Association Fiber Council*. "Provides a forum for OTA members to address topics of interest to all types of businesses within the organic agricultural fiber industries, including cotton, hemp, wool, flax and others."

Sandra Marquardt, Coordinator, P.O. Box 547, Greenfield MA 01302 phone 301-588-2125, fax 301-588-2126, email: smarquardt@ota.com http://www.ota.com/about/sectorcouncils/ofc/index.html

Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE). "SCORE's national network of volunteer business executives and professionals provide advice, troubleshooting and counseling." 409 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, S.W., 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington DC 20024 phone 800-634-0245 (toll free) http://www.score.org/

Southwest Marketing Network: Expanding Markets for Southwest Small-Scale,

*Alternative, and Minority Producers*. Supports Southwest producers with "connections with others, technical and financial assistance, marketing information, business and marketing skills, and peer examples needed to improve their marketing success."

Jim Dyer, Project Director, 2727 CR 134, Hesperus CO 81326

phone 970-588-2292, email: jadyer@frontier.net

http://www.swmarketing.ncat.org/

Sustainable Agriculture Network (SAN). "Communications and outreach arm of the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) program (USDA)." 10300 Baltimore Avenue, Building 046 - BARC West, Beltsville MD 20705-2350 phone 301-504-6425, fax 301-504-5207, email: san@sare.org http://www.sare.org/

#### Where and How to Find Additional Support Groups

See also: Chapter IV, Guides to Data, Suppliers, Outlets and Events for listings of directories

Types of support organizations and starting points for locating them:

**State and regional organic farming and consumer organizations** often provide excellent networking and published local directories...

Start with Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas' (ATTRA) Sustainable Agriculture Organizations and Publications directory, http://attra.ncat.org/attra-pub/susagorg.html

#### Organic certifying agencies...

Start with the USDA National Organic Program's list of accredited certifers, http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/CertifyingAgents/Accredited.html

#### Regional and local community food organizations...

Start with Community Food Systems links at the National Agricultural Library Food and Nutrition Information Center, http://www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/etext/000061.html

#### Regional and local farmer's markets...

Start with the listings at USDA's *National Directory of Farmers Markets*, http://www.ams.usda.gov/farmersmarkets/

#### State and local value-added, specialty food marketing and food entrepreneur assistance programs...

Start with the USDA Small Farm Program's, Directory of State Contacts in Value-Added Agriculture -1998, http://www.reeusda.gov/smallfarm/valuedir.htm and/or

your state department of agriculture, national directory online, State and Local Government on the Net: A Directory of Official State, County, and City Government Websites:

http://www.statelocalgov.net/50states-agriculture.htm

See also Penn State's directory of *University Assistance Centers for Food Entrepreneurs*:

http://foodsafety.cas.psu.edu/processor/ent res text2.htm#University

#### State and county Cooperative Extension programs...

Start with the USDA "State Partners" contacts online directory, http://www.reeusda.gov/statepartners/usa.htm

#### Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) state contacts...

Start with the Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) online contacts directory, http://www.sare.org/htdocs/sare/contacts.html

#### Food marketing and agribusiness associations...

Start with the National Agricultural Library's Agribusiness, Food Industry and Forest Industry Associations on the Internet, http://www.nal.usda.gov/atmic/pubs/agriassn.htm (Although last updated in 1999, much of the information in this directory remains valid.)

#### Local and state food marketing regulatory agencies...

Start with the listings at your state department of agriculture, online directory of state contacts, State and Local Government on the Net: A Directory of Official State, County, and City Government Websites: http://www.statelocalgov.net/50states-agriculture.htm (look for "Food Quality" or "Food Safety" type programs)

#### Farmer's organizations...

Start with North American Regional Forum on Agricultural Research Farmer's Organizations directory, http://ppathw3.cals.cornell.edu/iipmweb/nafar/usa\_farmorg.htm

#### **Local Resource Conservation and Development Councils...**

Start with the National Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils online Councils Directories, http://www.rcdnet.org/directories.htm

#### **State Rural Development Offices...**

Start with listings at the online *Rural Development State Offices Directory*, http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/recd\_map.html

#### State and regional Small Business Administration (SBA) offices...

Start with online SBA directories available at http://www.sba.gov/services/

#### Funding agencies and organizations....

Start with National Agricultural Library Rural Information Center (RIC) *Funding Resources* web page http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric/ruralres/funding.htm

RIC FAQ What Information and Funding Resources are Available for Small Businesses?

http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric/faqs/busnsfaq.htm and

RIC FAQ, What Financial Resources are Available to Assist Small Farms?

http://www.nal.usda.gov/ric/faqs/farmfaq.htm

# Appendix A USDA National Organic Standards: Selected Text & Links

# What and Who Must be Certified and How Applicability and Certification

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#### Selected text: Preamble to Subpart B - Applicability

"This subpart provides an overview of what has to be certified under the National Organic Program (NOP); describes exemptions and exclusions from certification; addresses use of the term, "organic"; addresses recordkeeping by certified production and handling operations; and addresses allowed and prohibited substances, methods, and ingredients in organic production and handling...."

The *Preamble* continues with extensive explanatory text regarding this Subpart including information about Exempt and Excluded Operations and Examples of Records.

<u>Go to</u>: *Complete text of the Preamble to Subpart B - Applicability* http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/NOP/standards/ApplicPre.html

#### **Selected text:** Subpart B - Applicability

§ 205.100 What has to be certified.

(a) Except for operations exempt or excluded in § 205.101, each production or handling operation or specified portion of a production or handling operation that produces or handles crops, livestock, livestock products, or other agricultural products that are intended to be sold, labeled, or represented as "100 percent organic," "organic," or "made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))" must be certified according to the provisions of subpart E of this part and must meet all other applicable requirements of this part.

- (b) Any production or handling operation or specified portion of a production or handling operation that has been already certified by a certifying agent on the date that the certifying agent receives its accreditation under this part shall be deemed to be certified under the Act until the operation's next anniversary date of certification. Such recognition shall only be available to those operations certified by a certifying agent that receives its accreditation within 18 months from the effective date of this final rule.
- (c) Any operation that:
  - (1) Knowingly sells or labels a product as organic, except in accordance with the Act, shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$10,000 per violation.
  - (2) Makes a false statement under the Act to the Secretary, a governing State official, or an accredited certifying agent shall be subject to the provisions of section 1001 of title 18, United States Code.

#### Additional Subpart headings (See Complete text of Subpart B - Applicability for detail)

- § 205.101 Exemptions and exclusions from certification
- § 205.102 Use of the term, "organic."
- § 205.103 Recordkeeping by certified operations.
- § 205.105 Allowed and prohibited substances, methods, and ingredients in organic production and handling.

#### Go to: Complete text of Subpart B Applicability

http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/NOP/standards/ApplicReg.html

#### <u>Selected text</u>: Preamble to Subpart E - Certification

"This subpart sets forth the requirements for a national program to certify production and handling operations as certified organic production or handling operations. This certification process will be carried out by accredited certifying agents."

The *Preamble* continues with extensive explanatory text regarding this Subpart including information about the Certification Process, Continuation of Certification and Denial of Certification.

#### Go to: Complete text of the Preamble to Subpart E - Certification

http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/NOP/standards/CertPre.html

#### <u>Selected text</u>: Subpart E - Certification

§ 205.400 General requirements for certification.

- A person seeking to receive or maintain organic certification under the regulations in this part must:
- (a) Comply with the Act and applicable organic production and handling regulations of this part;
- (b) Establish, implement, and update annually an organic production or handling system plan that is submitted to an accredited certifying agent as provided for in § 205.200;
- (c) Permit on-site inspections with complete access to the production or handling operation, including noncertified production and handling areas, structures, and offices by the certifying agent as provided for in § 205.403;
- (d) Maintain all records applicable to the organic operation for not less than 5 years beyond their creation and allow authorized representatives of the Secretary, the applicable State organic program's governing State official, and the certifying agent access to such records during normal business hours for review and copying to determine compliance with the Act and the regulations in this part, as provided for in § 205.104:
- (e) Submit the applicable fees charged by the certifying agent; and
- (f) Immediately notify the certifying agent concerning any:

- (1) Application, including drift, of a prohibited substance to any field, production unit, site, facility, livestock, or product that is part of an operation; and
- (2) Change in a certified operation or any portion of a certified operation that may affect its compliance with the Act and the regulations in this part.

Additional Subpart headings (See Complete text of Subpart E - Certification for detail)

- § 205.401 Application for Certification.
- § 205.402 Review of application.
- § 205.403 On-site inspections.
- § 205.404 Granting certification.
- § 205.405 Denial of certification.
- § 205.406 Continuation of certification.

#### Go to: Complete text of Subpart E Certification

http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/NOP/standards/CertReg.html

### <u>Selected definitions</u>: National Organic Program (NOP) Regulatory Text, 7 CFR Part 205, Subpart A - Definitions, § 205.2 Terms defined

**Accreditation**. A determination made by the Secretary that authorizes a private, foreign, or State entity to conduct certification activities as a certifying agent under this part.

Act. The Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501 et seq.).

**Certification or certified.** A determination made by a certifying agent that a production or handling operation is in compliance with the Act and the regulations in this part, which is documented by a certificate of organic operation.

**Certified operation**. A crop or livestock production, wild-crop harvesting or handling operation, or portion of such operation that is certified by an accredited certifying agent as utilizing a system of organic production or handling as described by the Act and the regulations in this part.

**Certifying agent**. Any entity accredited by the Secretary as a certifying agent for the purpose of certifying a production or handling operation as a certified production or handling operation.

**Certifying agent's operation**. All sites, facilities, personnel, and records used by a certifying agent to conduct certification activities under the Act and the regulations in this part.

**Governmental entity**. Any domestic government, tribal government, or foreign governmental subdivision providing certification services.

**Inspector**. Any person retained or used by a certifying agent to conduct inspections of certification applicants or certified production or handling operations.

**Inspection**. The act of examining and evaluating the production or handling operation of an applicant for certification or certified operation to determine compliance with the Act and the regulations in this part.

**Organic system plan**. A plan of management of an organic production or handling operation that has been agreed to by the producer or handler and the certifying agent and that includes written plans

concerning all aspects of agricultural production or handling described in the Act and the regulations in subpart C of this part.

Person. An individual, partnership, corporation, association, cooperative, or other entity.

**Private entity**. Any domestic or foreign nongovernmental for-profit or not-for-profit organization providing certification services.

**Records**. Any information in written, visual, or electronic form that documents the activities undertaken by a producer, handler, or certifying agent to comply with the Act and regulations in this part.

Go to: Complete list of Definitions

http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/NOP/standards/DefineReg.html

# Appendix B - USDA National Organic Standards Selected Text and Links

# Handling and Processing of Organic Products Organic Production and Handling Requirements

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### <u>Selected text</u>: Preamble to Subpart C - Organic Crop, Wild Crop, Livestock, and Handling Requirements

Description of Regulations - General Requirements

"This subpart sets forth the requirements with which production and handling operations must comply in order to sell, label, or represent agricultural products as "100 percent organic," "organic," or "made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))." The producer or handler of an organic production or handling operation must comply with all applicable provisions of subpart C. Any production practice implemented in accordance with this subpart must maintain or improve the natural resources, including soil and water quality, of the operation. Production and handling operations which sell, label, or represent agricultural products as organic in any manner and which are exempt or excluded from certification must comply with the requirements of this subpart, except for the development of an organic system plan..."

The *Preamble* continues with extensive explanatory text regarding this Subpart including information about Handling, Temporary Variances, and Management Practices and Physical Barriers to Prevent Commingling.

Go to: Complete text of the Preamble

http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/NOP/standards/ProdHandPre.html

Selected text: Subpart C - Organic Production and Handling Requirements

#### § 205.200 General.

"The producer or handler of a production or handling operation intending to sell, label, or represent agricultural products as "100 percent organic," "organic," or "made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))" must comply with the applicable provisions of this subpart. Production practices implemented in accordance with this subpart must maintain or improve the natural resources of the operation, including soil and water quality...."

#### Go to: Complete text of Subpart C

http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/NOP/standards/ProdHandReg.html

Selected definitions: National Organic Program (NOP) Regulatory Text, 7 CFR Part 205, Subpart A -Definitions, § 205.2 Terms defined

Commingling. Physical contact between unpackaged organically produced and nonorganically produced agricultural products during production, processing, transportation, storage or handling, other than during the manufacture of a multiingredient product containing both types of ingredients.

**Handler**. Any person engaged in the business of handling agricultural products, including producers who handle crops or livestock of their own production, except such term shall not include final retailers of agricultural products that do not process agricultural products.

**Handling operation**. Any operation or portion of an operation (except final retailers of agricultural products that do not process agricultural products) that receives or otherwise acquires agricultural products and processes, packages, or stores such products.

#### Go to: Complete list of Definitions

http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/NOP/standards/DefineReg.html

# Appendix C - USDA National Organic Standards Selected Text and Links

Use of the Organic Label Labels, Labeling, and Market Information

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#### Selected text: Preamble for Subpart D - Labels, Labeling, and Market Information

"The Act provides that a person may sell or label an agricultural product as organically produced only if the product has been produced and handled in accordance with provisions of the Act and these regulations. This subpart sets forth labeling requirements for organic agricultural products and products with organic ingredients based on their percentage of organic composition. For each labeling category, this subpart establishes what organic terms and references can and cannot be displayed on a product package's principal display panel (pdp), information panel, ingredient statement, and on other package panels. Labeling requirements also are established for organically produced livestock feed, for containers used in shipping and storing organic product, and for denoting organic bulk products in market information which is displayed or disseminated at the point of retail sale. Restrictions on labeling organic product produced by exempt operations are established. Finally, this subpart provides for a USDA seal and regulations for display of the USDA seal and the seals, logos, or other identifying marks of certifying agents. ...."

The *Preamble* continues with extensive explanatory text regarding this Subpart including information about Categories of Organic Content, Product with Less Than 70 Percent Organic Ingredients, Prohibited Practices, Calculating the Percentage of Organic Ingredients, Labeling Consumer Product Packages, Labeling Nonretail Containers, Labeling Products at the Point of Retail Sale, Labeling Products Produced in Exempt or Excluded Operations, and more.

<u>Go to</u>: Complete text of the Preamble for Subpart D - Labels, Labeling, and Market Information http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/NOP/standards/LabelPre.html

### <u>Selected text</u>: *Subpart D - Labels, Labeling, and Market Information* § 205.300. Use of the term, "organic."

- (a) The term, "organic," may only be used on labels and in labeling of raw or processed agricultural products, including ingredients, that have been produced and handled in accordance with the regulations in this part. The term, "organic," may not be used in a product name to modify a nonorganic ingredient in the product.
- (b) Products for export, produced and certified to foreign national organic standards or foreign contract buyer requirements, may be labeled in accordance with the organic labeling requirements of the receiving country or contract buyer: Provided, That, the shipping containers and shipping documents meet the labeling requirements specified in § 205.307(c).
- (c) Products produced in a foreign country and exported for sale in the United States must be certified pursuant to subpart E of this part and labeled pursuant to this subpart D.
- (d) Livestock feeds produced in accordance with the requirements of this part must be labeled in accordance with the requirements of § 205.306.

<u>Additional Subpart headings</u> (see *Complete text of Subpart D - Labels, Labeling, and Market Information* for detail)

Product composition.
Calculating the percentage of organically produced ingredients.
Packaged products labeled "100 percent organic" or "organic."
Packaged products labeled "made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))."
Multiingredient packaged products with less than 70 percent organically produced
ingredients.
Labeling of livestock feed.
Labeling of nonretail containers used for only shipping or storage of raw or processed
agricultural products labeled as "100 percent organic," "organic," or "made with organic
(specified ingredients or food group(s))."
Agricultural products in other than packaged form at the point of retail sale that are sold,
labeled, or represented as "100 percent organic" or "organic."
Agricultural products in other than packaged form at the point of retail sale that are sold,
labeled, or represented as "made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))."
Agricultural products produced on an exempt or excluded operation.
USDA Seal.

<u>Go to</u>: *Complete text of Subpart D - Labels, Labeling, and Market Information* http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/NOP/standards/LabelReg.html

<u>Selected definitions</u>: National Organic Program (NOP) Regulatory Text, 7 CFR Part 205, Subpart A - Definitions, § 205.2 Terms defined

Act. The Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501 et seq.).

**Agricultural product**. Any agricultural commodity or product, whether raw or processed, including any commodity or product derived from livestock, that is marketed in the United States for human or livestock consumption.

**Audit trail.** Documentation that is sufficient to determine the source, transfer of ownership, and transportation of any agricultural product labeled as "100 percent organic," the organic ingredients of

any agricultural product labeled as "organic" or "made with organic (specified ingredients)" or the organic ingredients of any agricultural product containing less than 70 percent organic ingredients identified as organic in an ingredients statement.

**Bulk**. The presentation to consumers at retail sale of an agricultural product in unpackaged, loose form, enabling the consumer to determine the individual pieces, amount, or volume of the product purchased.

**Commingling.** Physical contact between unpackaged organically produced and nonorganically produced agricultural products during production, processing, transportation, storage or handling, other than during the manufacture of a multiingredient product containing both types of ingredients.

**Information panel**. That part of the label of a packaged product that is immediately contiguous to and to the right of the principal display panel as observed by an individual facing the principal display panel, unless another section of the label is designated as the information panel because of package size or other package attributes (e.g., irregular shape with one usable surface).

**Ingredient**. Any substance used in the preparation of an agricultural product that is still present in the final commercial product as consumed.

**Ingredients statement**. The list of ingredients contained in a product shown in their common and usual names in the descending order of predominance.

**Label**. A display of written, printed, or graphic material on the immediate container of an agricultural product or any such material affixed to any agricultural product or affixed to a bulk container containing an agricultural product, except for package liners or a display of written, printed, or graphic material which contains only information about the weight of the product.

**Labeling**. All written, printed, or graphic material accompanying an agricultural product at any time or written, printed, or graphic material about the agricultural product displayed at retail stores about the product.

**Lot**. Any number of containers which contain an agricultural product of the same kind located in the same conveyance, warehouse, or packing house and which are available for inspection at the same time.

**Market information**. Any written, printed, audiovisual, or graphic information, including advertising, pamphlets, flyers, catalogues, posters, and signs, distributed, broadcast, or made available outside of retail outlets that are used to assist in the sale or promotion of a product.

**Nonretail container**. Any container used for shipping or storage of an agricultural product that is not used in the retail display or sale of the product.

**Organic**. A labeling term that refers to an agricultural product produced in accordance with the Act and the regulations in this part.

**Principal display panel**. That part of a label that is most likely to be displayed, presented, shown, or examined under customary conditions of display for sale.

**Processing.** Cooking, baking, curing, heating, drying, mixing, grinding, churning, separating, extracting, slaughtering, cutting, fermenting, distilling, eviscerating, preserving, dehydrating, freezing, chilling, or otherwise manufacturing and includes the packaging, canning, jarring, or otherwise enclosing food in a container.

Production lot number/identifier. Identification of a product based on the production sequence of the product showing the date, time, and place of production used for quality control purposes.

**Processing aid.** (a) substance that is added to a food during the processing of such food but is removed in some manner from the food before it is packaged in its finished form; (b) a substance that is added to a food during processing, is converted into constituents normally present in the food, and does not significantly increase the amount of the constituents naturally found in the food; and (c) a substance that is added to a food for its technical or functional effect in the processing but is present in the finished food at insignificant levels and does not have any technical or functional effect in that food.

Retail food establishment. A restaurant; delicatessen; bakery; grocery store; or any retail outlet with an in-store restaurant, delicatessen, bakery, salad bar, or other eat-in or carry-out service of processed or prepared raw and ready-to-eat-food.

Go to: Complete list of Definitions

http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/NOP/standards/DefineReg.html

# Appendix D - USDA National Organic Standards Selected Text and Links

### \*The National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances

#### Appendix Note

Appendices A-D in this publication contain **selected** text from the Rule that pertains to the marketing and trade of organic agricultural products. The selections are meant to be representative, not comprehensive. For a complete understanding of the breadth and meaning of the National Organic Standards, **readers are urged to read the entire text of the Rule**. Each Appendix contains links to the full text of its respective Subpart; for a fully linked version of these Appendices, see the HTML version of this publication at <a href="http://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/AFSIC">http://www.nal.usda.gov/afsic/AFSIC</a> pubs/OAP/srb0301.htm.

**Note**: Text of the USDA National Organic Program Final Rule 7 CFR Part 205 occupies more than 135 pages in the Federal Register. It is arranged into 7 Subparts:

Subpart A - Definitions includes a lengthy glossary;

Subpart B - Applicability covers What has to be certified;

<u>Subpart C - Organic Production and Handling Requirements</u> includes 11 requirement areas for crop and livestock operations as well as Organic handling requirements;

Subpart D - Labels, Labeling, and Market Information pertains to the Use of the term, "organic;"

Subpart E - Certification includes General requirements for certification;

<u>Subpart F - Accreditation of Certifying Agents</u> covers Areas and duration of accreditation and General requirements for accreditation;

<u>Subpart G - Administrative</u> addresses The National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (and Amending the National List); State Organic Programs; Fees; Compliance; Inspection and Testing, Reporting, and Exclusion from Sale; and Adverse Action Appeal Process.

# <u>Selected text</u>: *Preamble to Subpart G - Administrative - The National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances*: Description of Regulations - General Requirements

"This subpart contains criteria for determining which substances and ingredients are allowed or prohibited in products to be sold, labeled, or represented as "organic" or "made with organic (specified ingredients or food group(s))." It establishes the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (National List) and identifies specific substances which may or may not be used in organic production and handling operations. Sections 6504, 6510, 6517, and 6518 of the Organic Foods Production Act (OFPA) of 1990 provide the Secretary with the authority to develop the National List. The contents of the National List are based upon a Proposed National List, with annotations, as recommended to the Secretary by the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB). The NOSB is established by the OFPA to advise the Secretary on all aspects of the National Organic Program (NOP). The OFPA prohibits synthetic substances in the production and handling of organically produced agricultural products unless such synthetic substances are placed on the National List..."

The *Preamble* continues with extensive explanatory text regarding this Subpart including information about Substance Classifications.

<u>Go to</u>: Complete text of the Preamble to Subpart G - Administrative - The National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances

http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/NOP/standards/ListPre.html

Selected text: Subpart G - Administrative - The National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances § 205.600 Evaluation criteria for allowed and prohibited substances, methods, and ingredients.

Go to: Complete text of Subpart G - Administrative - The National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances

http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/NOP/standards/ListReg.html

Note: The National Organic Standards Board works closely with the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) in evaluating materials for inclusion on the List:

Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) http://www.omri.org/

OMRI's "primary mission is to publish and disseminate generic and specific (brand name) lists of materials allowed and prohibited for use in the production, processing, and handling of organic food and fiber. OMRI also conducts scientific research and education on the use of materials by the organic industry."

\*Subpart G - Administrative, of which The National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances is a part, contains 6 other sections including State Programs, Fees, Compliance, Residue Testing and Appeals.

## Appendix E - Obtaining Full-text Journal Articles

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