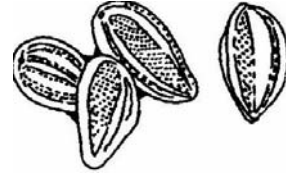




Vermont Organic Farmers, LLC.

Organic Seed and Planting Stock Sources

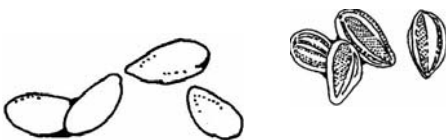


The National Organic Program Standards require that producers use organically grown seeds and planting stock when commercially available.

Producers of organic crops are required to source certified organic seed if it is commercially available. If organic seeds are not commercially available, conventional untreated seeds may be used. If producers use non-organic seed, they must do so according to the standards below and provide sufficient justification.

- **Commercial Availability:** *Conventional untreated seeds can be used only when organic seeds are not available in appropriate form, quality, quantity or equivalent variety.* By equivalent form, a producer should look at size, grade, pelleted, hot water treated etc. By quality a producer should look for cleanliness, germination, etc. By equivalent variety, a producer should look for growing habits, days to maturity, insect and disease resistance, flavor etc.
- **Documentation:** When not using organic seed, the producer must document the reasons for not using organic seed and provide evidence of a search for organic seed prior to purchasing non-organic. This will be verified during the annual inspection. Documentation may include list of seed catalogues examined, record of phone calls to seed companies, and statements on invoices that an organic seed is not available.
- **Treated Seed:** There is NO allowance for seed treated with prohibited materials. Captan, Thimet, Thiram and similar chemical fungicides are NOT on the National List and are not permitted. If your seed is covered in a pink or orange powder, it is probably prohibited. If a producer uses a treated seed that crop **cannot** be sold as organic AND the use of treated seed disqualifies the field for organic production for a period of 3 years.
- **Inoculants:** Seed treatments such as inoculants must be approved for use in organic production. Some inoculant products are not allowed for use due to the presence of genetically modified bacteria in the product. Please refer to the VOF Brand Name Product List for a list of inoculant products approved for use by OMRI (Organic Materials Review Institute) or VOF in accordance with the NOP Standards:

VOF can review other products not listed at the producer's request. Do not use a product that has not been reviewed by the VOF office.



Local Suppliers of Organic Grain/Soy Seed

<p>Bourdeau Brothers 802-933-4581 or 800-499-2128 Sheldon, VT 05483</p> <p>Can order organic seed if requested</p>	<p>Brookfield Ag Service Charlie Taplin 888-293-1200 366 West St. Brookfield, VT 05036</p> <p>Distributor of King's AgriSeeds</p>	<p>Butterworks Farm Jack and Anne Lazor 802-744-6855 421 Trumpass Rd. Westfield, VT 05874</p> <p>VOF Certified organic grain seed</p>
<p>G. Boucher Fertilizer 802-868-3939 2343 Gore Rd. Highgate Center, VT 05459</p> <p>Distributor of King's AgriSeeds</p>	<p>High Mowing Seed Co. Tom Stearns 802-472-6174 76 Quarry Rd. Wolcott, VT 05680</p> <p>VOF Certified organic seed supplier</p>	<p>J.R. Farm Service Jim Rapp 802-888-3255 189 Summer St. Morrisville, VT 05661</p> <p>Distributor of King's AgriSeeds</p>
<p>Lakeview Organic Grain (315) 531-1038 119 Hamilton Place Penn Yan, NY 14527</p> <p>Organic small grains, soybeans, field peas, alfalfa, grass, clover seed, hybrid & open pollinated corn seed</p>	<p>LD Oliver Seed Co., Inc (800) 624-2952 or (802) 777-7177 P.O Box 156, 29 Sunset Dr. Milton, VT 05468</p> <p>Distributor of DLF Int'l, Blue River Hybrids, Power Seeds and Lakeview</p>	<p>Seedway Mead Murphy 802-897-2881 or 888-863-9099 3442 Route 22A Shoreham, VT 05770</p> <p>Organic seeds available</p>

Other Suppliers of Organic Grain/Soy Seed

<p>Albert Lea Seed House (800) 352-5247 PO Box 127 Albert Lea, MN 56007</p> <p>www.alseed.com Organic grain & soybeans, tests for GMOs</p>	<p>Agassiz Seed & Supply (701) 282-8118 445 7th Street NW West Fargo, ND 58078</p> <p>Organic small grains: wheat, barley, rye, flax & vegetable seeds</p>	<p>Blaine's Best Seeds (701) 776-6023 (phone) 6020 22nd Avenue Rugby, ND 58368</p> <p>Omega yellow flax, dry bean varieties, wheat, durum and other specialty grains for seed and food</p>
<p>Blue River Hybrids 800-370-7979 Box 327 Seward, NE 68434 Formerly NC+ Seeds</p> <p>Organic corn, soybean, grass</p>	<p>DLF International Seeds (541) 369-1841 PO Box 229 Halsey, OR 97348 www.dlfusa.com</p> <p>Organic forage seeds</p>	<p>Fil Agritech (800) 680-3167 PO Box 490 Little York, NY 13087</p> <p>Organic grass seed</p>
<p>Gold Country Seeds (800) 795-8544 16506 Hwy 15N Hutchinson, MN 55350</p> <p>Organic clover, alfalfa, hybrid corn and timothy grass</p>	<p>Great Harvest Organics (317) 984-6685 6803 East 276th Street Atlanta, Indiana 46031</p> <p>www.greatharvestorganics.com Organic corn, wheat, soybeans</p>	<p>King's Agriseeds 96 Paradise Lane Ronks, PA 17572 717-687-6224 or 866-687-6224</p>
<p>Lancaster Ag Products (717) 293-9701 340 Beechdale Road Bird in Hand, PA 17042</p> <p>Organic corn, soybeans & forages</p>	<p>Merit Seeds (800) 553-4713 or (330) 893-2338 PO Box 205 Berlin, OH 44610</p> <p>Organic corn seed</p>	<p>Prairie Hybrid Seeds (800) 368-0124 27445 Hurd Rd Deer Grove, IL 61243</p> <p>Organic seed corn</p>
<p>Superior Organic Grain (920) 833-6953 N7076 Hwy C Seymour, WI 54165</p> <p>Organic grain, soybean seed</p>	<p>Wehrmann Grain & Seed Ltd. (519) 395-3126 or (519) 395-2935 fax RR#1 Ripley, Ontario N0G 2R0 Canada</p> <p>Organic cereal grains, soybeans, peas, clovers</p>	<p>Welter Seed and Honey Co. (800) 728-8450 17724 Hwy 136 Onslow, IA 52321</p> <p>www.welterseed.com Organic cover crops, grains and corn</p>