



Vermont Organic Farmers, LLC.

Organic Seed and Planting Stock Sources



The National Organic 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 and planting stock if it is commercially available. If organic seeds and planting stock are not commercially available, conventional untreated seeds and planting stock may be used. If producers use non-organic seed and planting stock, they must do so according to the standards below and provide sufficient justification.

- **Planting Stock:** Planting stock includes: rhizomes, shoots, leaf or stem cuttings, roots or tubers. Some examples are seed potatoes, sweet potato slips, onion bulb sets, and garlic bulbs.
- **Annual Seedlings:** Annual seedlings must be organic. In this instance there is no commercial availability clause. This includes vegetable transplants, onion plants, and annual flower plugs.
- **Perennial Plants:**
 - If grown as potted nursery stock, non-organic perennial plants must be grown out for 1 year before selling them as organic.
 - If grown for a harvested crop, non-organic perennial stock may be used to produce an organic crop if it is not commercially available in organic form.
- **Sprouts:** Organic seed must be used in the production of edible sprouts.
- **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 catalogs 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 three 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 those 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 VOF Certified organic grain seed</p>
<p>Champlain Valley Milling 518-962-4711 PO Box 454 Westport, NY 12993</p> <p>Organic grain & cover crops</p>	<p>G. Boucher Fertilizer 802-868-3939 2343 Gore Rd. Highgate Center, VT 05459</p> <p>Distributor of King's AgriSeeds</p>	<p>J.R. Farm Service Jim Rapp 802-888-3255 189 Summer ST. Morrisville, VT 05661 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>High Mowing Seed Co. Tom Stearns 802-472-6174 76 Quarry Rd. Wolcott, VT 05680 VOF Certified organic seed supplier</p>

Other Suppliers of Organic Grain/Soy Seed

<p>Albert Lea Seed House (800) 352-5247 PO Box 127 Albert Lea, MN 56007 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 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 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 Organic corn, soybean, grass</p>	<p>DLF International Seeds (541) 369-1841 PO Box 229 Halsey, OR 97348 www.dlfusa.com 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 Organic clover, alfalfa, hybrid corn and timothy grass</p>	<p>Great Harvest Organics (317) 984-6685 6803 East 276th Street Atlanta, Indiana 46031 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 NOG 2R0 Canada Organic cereal grains, soybeans, peas, clovers</p>	<p>Welter Seed and Honey Co. (800) 728-8450 17724 Hwy 136 Onslow, IA 52321 www.welterseed.com Organic cover crops, grains and corn</p>

Suppliers of Organic Vegetable, Flower and Herb Seed

<p>Abundant Life Seed Foundation (360) 385-5660 PO Box 772 Port Townsend, WA 98368 www.abundantlifeseed.org Some organic vegetables, herbs, & flowers</p>	<p>Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds www.rareseeds.com All open pollinated, organic clearly indicated</p>	<p>Bountiful Gardens (707) 459-6410 18001 Shafer Ranch Road Willits, CA 95490 www.bountifulgardens.org Untreated, open-pollinated seed of heirloom vegetables, herbs, flowers, grains and green manures</p>
<p>The Cook's Garden (800) 457-9703 PO Box 535 Londonderry, VT 05148 www.cooksgarden.com Some organic vegetables & herbs</p>	<p>Environmental Seed Producers (805) 735-8888 Fax: (805) 735-8798 PO Box 2709 Lompoc, CA 93438 Culinary herbs & cut flowers</p>	<p>Fedco Seeds (207) 873-7333 PO Box 520 Waterville, ME 04903 www.fedcoseeds.com Organic vegetables, flowers & herbs</p>
<p>Filaree Farm (509) 422-6940 182 Conconully Hwy. Okanogan, WA 98840-9974 www.filareefarm.com or filaree@northcascades.net Organic garlic & cover crops</p>	<p>Genesis Seeds Ltd. (561) 391-8467 or Fax: (561) 392-3218 Florida: (Nov-April) 800 S. Ocean Blvd. LPH4, Boca Raton, FL 33432 mshemin@aol.com Organic vegetables, herbs (culinary and medicinal) & flower seed</p>	<p>Harris Seeds (800) 544-7938 PO Box 24966 Rochester, NY 14624 growers@harriseseeds.com Organic vegetable seed, herbs & flower seeds (1 oz pkts)</p>
<p>High Mowing Organic Seeds (802) 472-6174 76 Quarry Road Wolcott, VT 05860 www.highmowingseeds.com VOF Certified organic seed supplier. 100% organic seeds.</p>	<p>Irish Eyes/Garden City Seeds (877) 773-3001 PO Box 307 Thorpe, WA 98946 www.irish-eyes.com Seed potatoes, garlic, rare heirloom tomatoes and flowers</p>	<p>Johnny's Selected Seeds (800) 437-4290 310 Foss Hill Road Box 2580 Albion, ME 04910 www.johnnyseeds.com Some organic vegetables, flowers & herbs</p>
<p>Marsh Mason's (505) 685-4364 www.riverherbs.com Organic medicinal herbs & flowers</p>	<p>Peaceful Valley Farm Supply (530) 272-4769 or (888) 784-1722 Grass Valley, CA 95945 www.groworganic.com Bulk seed certified by CCOF</p>	<p>Rohrer Seeds (719) 299-2571 PO Box 250 Smoketown, PA 17576 www.rohrerseeds.com Organic vegetable seed</p>
<p>Ronniger's Potato Farm (208)267-7938 or Fax: (208)267-3265 Star Route Moyie Springs, Idaho 83845 www.milkranch.com Organic potato seed, onions, garlic and cover crops</p>	<p>Seeds of Change (888) 762-7333 PO Box 15700 Santa Fe, NM 87506 www.seedsofchange.com Organic flowers, herbs, vegetable, & cover crops</p>	<p>Seed Savers Exchange (563) 382-5990 3076 North Winn Road Decorah, IA 52101 www.seedsavers.org Some organic vegetable, herbs, & potatoes</p>
<p>Seeds Trust/High Altitude Gardens (208) 788-4363 4150 Black Oak Drive Hailey, ID 83333 www.highaltitudegardens.com www.seedstrust.com Heirloom vegetables, herbs, native grasses & wild flower seeds</p>	<p>Seedway (800) 952-7333 1225 Zeager Road Elizabethtown, PA 17022 www.seedway.com Some organic vegetable & herb seeds</p>	<p>SemTec (719) 754-2940 or (719) 754-2946 PO Box 418 Center, Co 81125 www.semtecseed.com Potato seed-large quantities available for commercial growers</p>

<p>Snow Seed Co. PO Box 294 21855 Rosehart Way Salinas, CA 93908 (831) 758-9869 Many lettuces and other vegetable seeds, offering pelleting with OMRI listed "Nature Coat"</p>	<p>Southern Exposure Seed Exchange (540) 894-9480 PO Box 460 Mineral, VA 23117 www.southernexposure.com Heirloom flowers, potatoes & vegetables</p>	<p>Sow Organic (888) 709-7333 PO Box 527 Williams, OR 97544 www.organicseed.com Organic flowers, herbs & vegetable</p>
<p>Terra Edibles Box 164 Foxboro, Ontario KOK 2BO CANADA www.terraedibles.ca Open-pollinated heirloom seeds that have been organically produced-packaged in small packets for home gardener</p>	<p>Territorial Seed Co. (541) 942-9547 PO Box 157 Cottage Grove, OR 97421 www.territorial-seed.com Some organic flower, herbs, & vegetable.</p>	<p>Tomato Fest www.tomatofest.com All open pollinated, mostly heirlooms- all certified organic</p>
<p>Turtle Tree Seed (518) 329-3038 Camphill Village Copake, NY 12516 turtle@taconic.net 69 varieties of vegetables & flower seeds</p>	<p>Underwood Gardens, LTD. 1414 Zimmerman Road Woodstock, IL 60098 www.grandmasgarden.com Organic clearly indicated</p>	<p>Wellspring Farm (315) 866-1403 345 Lynch Road Little Falls, NY 13365 Organic garlic seed</p>
<p>Wild Garden Seed (541) 929-4068 PO Box 1509 Philomath, OR 97370 Salad greens & herbs</p>	<p>Wood Prairie Farm (800) 829-9765 or (800) 631-8027 49 Kinney Road Bridgewater, ME 04734 Fax: (800) 300-6494 jim@woodprarie.com or www.woodprarie.com Organic seed potatoes</p>	

Suppliers of Organic Transplants

<p>Bent Oak Farms (503) 357-5774 43360 NW Dierickx Road Forest Grove, OR 97116 Organic flower transplants</p>	<p>Common Ground Farm (814) 364-9171 176 Zuck Road Spring Mills, PA 16875 www.commongroundfarm.com Organic vegetable seedlings, specializing in heirloom tomatoes</p>	<p>Deep Grass Nursery (302) 398-4413 13847 Staytonville Rd. Greenwood, DE www.deepgrassnursery.com Organic vegetable, herb, onion and sweet potato starts</p>
<p>Moorhill Farm & Greenhouses (207) 293-2268 RR1 Box 5510 Mt. Vernon, ME 04352 www.moorhillfarm.com Organic seedlings, herbs & vegetables</p>	<p>Silver Seed Greenhouses (410) 873-2942 P.O Box 62 Bivalve, MD 21818 Organic vegetables & herb plugs</p>	<p>Vermont Organic Plugs (802) 349-9325 4818 Snake Mountain Rd. Weybridge, VT 05753 Goodale77@hotmail.com Organic vegetable and herb starts</p>