



How to Become Organic – Training Class

(Two programs, One Processor Handler and One Grower)

This is an intense organic training program that is taught to those individuals and organizations that desire to become organically certified. It will take you from the start of an organic program or how to convert an existing conventional program to organic.

The student will leave the class with an organic system plan for organization plus the correct forms completed as required by their USDA accrediting agent.
(Students may not have an agent selected as yet and that is fine – generic paperwork will be completed.)

This program covers the following topics:

- Overview of the NOP and 7 CFR 205
- Choosing a certifier
- Choosing a market of product
- Assessing suppliers
- Review of organic certification paperwork and forms
- Conversion of your organization; resource and time requirements
- Development of an organic system plan; 100%, 95%, and other organic classifications
- Development of labeling and packaging
- Training your organization
- Preparing for the inspection
- What certification means
- How to maintain the certification