Commercial Availability of Organic Seeds

Section 205.204 of the National Organic Standards requires the use of organic seeds unless they are not commercially available in the quality, quantity or form needed by the organic operation. Cost of the seed cannot be considered a reason to not use organic seed under this commercial availability clause.

NOFA-NY requires a seed search of at least three sources of organic seed and documentation of this search, before a non-organic, untreated, non-GMO variety can be purchased and used. If non-organic seed is used, the producer is required to obtain an untreated, non-GMO statement from the company that the seed was purchased from. If a company has a general statement in their catalog that they only carry untreated, non-GMO seeds, this is acceptable.

Below are further descriptions on what is meant by quality, quantity and form:

**Quality:** If a producer has planted an organic variety of seed in the past and had a crop failure, poor germination, or any other quality issues, they must document the problem. Producers are not required to use inferior organic seed that will jeopardize their crop if they have tried it unsuccessfully. Producers must still make a good effort to source organic seeds, but may use quality as one reason not to purchase a specific variety. Certification does not expect producers to plant their entire crop to an unproven or untried organic variety. It is recommended that new organic seed varieties be planted in trial plots and the results documented. Quality problems should always be reported back to the seed company.

**Quantity:** If a producer needs, for example, 50 lbs of a specific variety of seed and it is only available in 8oz packets from all three of the seed suppliers that were contacted. Also if the seed is simply not available as organic.

**Form:** A specific type or variety of seed, such as a certain variety of lettuce or a certain day length corn that a producer may want to plant. If this specific seed cannot be found in organic form after contacting at least three seed suppliers then the untreated non-GMO varieties may be used.

The certification program will be looking more closely at organic seed usage under this requirement. Please be sure to make an effort to source organic seeds. If organic seed usage is consistently low year after year, it will be questioned and a noncompliance may be issued.

The following pages are sources that may be contacted for organic seed. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the certification office for assistance.

---

Growing Organic for the Future
NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC
840 Upper Front Street • Binghamton, New York 13905
Phone 607-724-9851 • Fax: 607-724-9853
Email: certifiedorganic@nofany.org • www.nofany.org/organic-certification

Lakeview Organic Grain
119 Hamilton Place
Penn Yan, NY 14527
(315) 531-1038
www.lakevieworganicgrain.com
info@lakevieworganicgrain.com
-Certified Organic Field Crop Seeds

Blue River Hybrids
27087 Timber Rd,
Kelley, IA 50134
(800) 370-7979
www.blueriverorgseed.com
info@blueriverorgseed.com
-Certified Organic Field Crop Seeds

King’s AgriSeeds
60 N Ronks Rd, Suite K,
Ronks, PA 17572
(717) 687-6224
www.kingsagriseeds.com
info@kingsagriseeds.com
-Certified Organic Field Crop Seeds

Master’s Choice
3010 State Route 146 East
Anna, IL 62906
(866) 444-1044
www.seedcorn.com
info@seedcorn.com or see website for dealer locator
-Certified Organic Corn Seed

Mara Seeds
Tom Adams
4451 Route 221
Marathon, NY 13803
(607) 849-7871
-Certified Organic Field Crop Seeds

Page Seed Company
1A Green Street, PO Box 158
Greene, NY 13778
(607) 656-4107
www.pageseed.com
info@pageseed.com
-Certified Organic Field Crop Seeds

Preferred Seed Company, Inc.
575 Kennedy Rd
Buffalo, NY 14227
(716) 895-7333
www.preferredseed.com
-Certified Organic Field Crop Seeds

Seedway, LLC
1734 Railroad Place
Hall, NY 14463
(800) 836-3710
www.seedway.com
farmseed@seedway.com
-Certified Organic Field Crop Seeds

Doebler's Seed
Jeff Morse
202 Tiadaghton Avenue
Jersey Shore, PA 17740
800-853-2676 home office
570-419-3311 Jeff’s cell#
jmorse@doeblers.com
www.doeblers.com
-Certified Organic Field Crop Seeds

Green Haven Open Pollinated Seed Group
8225 Wessels Hill Rd
Avoca, NY 14809
(607) 566-9253
www.openpollinated.com
opcorn@gmail.com
-Certified Organic Open pollinated Corn Seed

Great Harvest Organics
6803 East 276th Street
Atlanta, IN 46031
(317) 984-6685
-Certified Organic Field Crop Seeds

Superior Organic Grains, Ltd.
N 7076 Highway C
Seymour, WI 54165
(920) 833-6953
-Certified Organic Field Crop Seeds

Growing Organic for the Future
Albert Lea Seed House
PO Box 127, 1414 W. Main Street
Albert Lea, MN 56007
(507) 373-3161
(800) 352-5247
www.alseed.com
seedhouse@alseed.com
-Certified Organic Field Crop Seeds

American Hybrids & Organics Seed Company
604 S Railroad St, PO Box 385
Warren, IL 61087
(855) 945-2449
www.american-organic.com
request@american-organic.com
-Certified Organic Field Crop Seeds

Foundation Organic Seed
634 13th Avenue North
Onalaska, WI 54650
(608) 780-5460
www.foundationorganicseed.com
foundationorganic@gmail.com
-Certified Organic Field Crop Seeds

Welter Seeds & Honey
17724 Hwy 136
Onslow, IA 52321-7549
(800) 728-8450 or
(563) 485-2762
www.welterseed.com
-Certified Organic Field Crop Seeds

Harris Seeds
355 Paul Rd
Rochester, NY 14624
(800) 514-4441, (800)544-7938 x7035
www.harrisseeds.com
growers@harrisseeds.com
-Certified Organic Vegetable Seeds

Johnny’s Selected Seeds
955 Benton Ave
Winslow, ME 04901
(800) 437-4290, (877)564-6697
www.johnnyseeds.com
-Certified Organic Vegetable Seeds

FedCo Seeds/Moose Tubers
PO Box 520
Waterville, ME 04903
(207) 873-7333, (207)426-9900
www.fedcoseeds.com
questions@fedcoseeds.com
-Certified Organic Vegetable Seeds and Seed Potatoes

Burpee Seeds
300 Park Ave
Warminster, PA 18974
(800) 888-1447
www.burpee.com
custserv@burpee.com
-Certified Organic Vegetable Seeds

Turtle Tree Seed
10 White Birch Rd
Copake, NY 12516
1-888-516-7797, (518) 329-3038
www.turtletreeseed.org
turtle@turtletreeseed.org
-Certified Organic, Open Pollinated, Biodynamic
Vegetable & Flower Seeds

High Mowing Organic Seed Farm
76 Quarry Rd
Wolcott, VT 05680
(802) 888-1800
www.highmowingseeds.com
general@highmowingseeds.com
-Certified Organic Vegetable Seeds

Bejo Seeds
4188 Preemption Rd
Geneva, NY 14456
(315) 789-4155
www.bejoseeds.com
-Certified Organic Vegetable Seeds

Fruition Seeds
5920 County Rd 33
Canandaigua, NY 14424
(585) 300-0699
www.fruitionseeds.com
info@fruitionseeds.com
-Organic seed customized to thrive in the Northeast

Growing Organic for the Future
NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC
840 Upper Front Street • Binghamton, New York 13905
Phone 607-724-9851 • Fax: 607-724-9853
Email: certifiedorganic@nofany.org • www.nofany.org/organic-certification

Hudson Valley Seed Library
484 Mettacahonts Rd
Accord, NY 12404
(845) 204-8769
www.seedlibrary.org
mail@seedlibrary.org
-Certified Organic Vegetable Seeds

Bentley Seed, Inc.
16 Railroad Ave
Cambridge, NY 12816
(800) 836-0430, (518)677-2605
www.bentleyseeds.com
jeff@bentleyseeds.com
-Certified Organic Vegetable, Herb & Flower Seeds

Territorial Seed Company
PO Box 158
Cottage Grove, OR 97424
(800) 626-0866
www.territorialseed.com
info@territorialseed.com
-Certified Organic Vegetable Seeds

Seeds of Change
PO Box 4908
Rancho Dominguez, CA 90220
(888) 762-7333
www.seedsofchange.com
-Certified Organic Veg & Herb Seeds, Seed Potato & Garlic

New England Seed Co.
3580 Main St
Hartford, CT 06120
(800) 825-5477
www.neseed.com
sales@neseed.com
-Certified Organic Vegetable Seeds

Southern Exposure Seed Exchange
PO Box 460
Mineral, VA 23117
540-894-9481
www.southernexposure.com
-Certified Organic Veg & Herb Seeds, Seed Potato & Garlic

Vesey’s Seeds, Ltd.
PO Box 9000
Calais, ME 04619
(800) 363-7333
www.veseys.com
customerservice@veseys.com
-Certified Organic Vegetable, Herb & Flower Seeds

Wood Prairie Farm
49 Kinney Rd
Bridgewater, ME 04735
(800) 829-9765
www.woodprairie.com
orders@woodprairie.com
Certified Organic Cover Crop, Veg. & Seed Potato

Sow True Seed
146 Church St
Asheville, NC 28801
(828) 254-0708
www.sowtrueseed.com
info@sowtrue.com
-Certified Organic Veg & Herb Seeds, Seed Potato & Garlic

Hillcrest Nursery
21029 Gun Powder Rd.
Millers, MD 21102
(410) 239-7781, (800) 452-4032
www.hillcrestnursery.com
-Certified Organic Cell Pack Herbs

Horizon Herbs, LLC
PO Box 69
Williams, OR 97544
(541) 846-6704
www.horizonherbs.com
-Certified Organic Herb Seed

Botanical Interests, Inc.
660 Compton Street
Broomfield, CO 80020
(877) 821-4340
www.botanicalinterests.com
-Certified Organic Veg, Herb & Flower Seed

Growing Organic for the Future
NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC
840 Upper Front Street • Binghamton, New York 13905
Phone 607-724-9851 • Fax: 607-724-9853
Email: certifiedorganic@nofany.org • www.nofany.org/organic-certification

Fraser’s Garlic
1379 Johnson Rd
Churchville, NY 14428
(585) 350-8295
www.frasergarlic.com
frasergarlic@rochester.rr.com
-Certified Organic Seed Garlic

Hood River Garlic
PO Box 1701
Hood River, OR 97031
(541) 386-1220
www.hoodrivergarlic.com
custserv@hoodrivergarlic.com
-Certified Organic Seed Garlic

Andy Leed & Liza White
Starflower Farm
243 Tubbs Hill Road
Candor, NY 13743
(607) 659-3469
arl6@cornell.edu
-Certified Organic Seed Potatoes

Saranac Valley Farms
3489 State Rte 3, PO Box 183
Saranac, NY 12981
(518) 293-8298
www.saranacvalleyfarms.com
klwhite@westelcom.com
-Certified Organic Seed Potatoes

The Maine Potato Lady
PO Box 65
Guilford, ME 04443
(207) 717-5451
www.mainepotatolady.com
customer-service@mainepotatolady.com
-Certified Organic Seed Potatoes

Peaceful Valley Farm & Garden Supply
PO Box 2209, 125 Clydesdale Court
Grass Valley, CA 95945
(888) 784-1722
helpdesk@groworganic.com
www.groworganic.com
-Certified Organic Veg & Herb Seeds, Seed Potato & Garlic

Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies
Organic Seed Finder Website
www.organicseedfinder.com
-Online Search Tool for Organic Seeds

PickACarrot.com
(917) 843-4256
jason@pickacarrot.com
-PickACarrot.com is a search engine for seed catalogs. Locate, compare and purchase from dozens of catalogs in one searchable database.

Silver Heights Farm
216 Eggler Rd
Jeffersonville, NY 12748
(845) 482-3608
www.silverheightsfarm.com
nursery@silverheightsfarm.com
-Certified Organic Transplants

Lighthouse Gardens
229 Ontario St
Honeoye Falls, NY 14472
(585) 582-5725
www.lighthouse-gardens.com
todd@lighthouse-gardens.com
-Certified Organic Transplants

Garden Fusion / Marion Gardens Organic Herbs
540 Rocky Point Road
East Marion, NY 11939
(631) 477-1210, (631) 477-1010
info@mariongardensorganic.com
www.thegardenfusion.com
www.mariongardensorganic.com
-Certified Organic Transplants

McEnroe Organic Farm
194 Coleman Station Rd
Millerton, NY 12546
(518) 789-3252
www.mcenroeorganicfarm.com
info@mcenroeorganic.com
-Certified Organic Transplants

Growing Organic for the Future