

Appendix 1: Certification Bodies

Certification Bodies Operating in British Columbia 2005

Accreditation	Certifier		Scope*
COABC Regional	BCARA	BC Ass. of Regenerative Agriculture	F, P/H
COABC Regional	BIO D	Biodynamic Agricultural Society of BC	F
COABC Regional	BOPA	Boundary Organic Producers Ass.	F, P/H
COABC Regional	IOPA	Island Organic Producers Ass.	F, OFP
COABC Regional	KOGS	Kootenay Organic Growers Society	F, P/H
COABC Regional	LEOGA	Living Earth Organic Growers Ass.	F
COABC Regional	NOOA	North Okanagan Organic Ass.	F
COABC Regional	SOOPA	Similkameen Okanagan Organic Producers Ass.	F, OFP
COABC Regional	STOPA	Shuswap Thompson Organic Producers Ass.	F, OFP
COABC ISO	FVOPA	Fraser Valley Organic Producers Ass.	F, P/H
COABC ISO	PACS	Pacific Agricultural Certification Society	F, P/H
	SOFS	Surrey Organic Farmers Ass.	F
SCC	PROCERT	OCP/Pro-Cert Canada Inc.	F/P/H
IOAS/CAAQ/ USDA/ JAS	OCIA	Organic Crop Improvement Ass.	F, P/H
IOAS/CAAQ/ USDA/ JAS	QAI	Quality Assurance International	P/H
USDA	OTCO	Oregon Tilth Certification Ass	F, P/H
IOAS/USDA	WSDA OFP	Washington State Dept. of Agriculture, Organic Food Program	P/H
IOAS/USDA	CCOF	California Certified Organic Farmers Certification Services	F
USDA	COCC	Canadian Organic Certification Cooperative	P/H

*F Farms; OFP On-Farm Processing; P/H Processors & handlers

Appendix 2: Certified Organic Processors and Handlers in British Columbia (2006)

Abattoirs

Medallion Meats Corporation, Falkland
Riverside Natural Meats Ltd, Salmon Arm

Feed Mills

Bradner Farms, Abbotsford
Canadian Organic Feeds, Chilliwack
In-Season Farms Ltd., Abbotsford

Dairy Processors

Avalon Dairy Ltd., Vancouver
Gort's Gouda Cheese Farm, Salmon Arm
Happy Day's Dairies Ltd., Chilliwack
Jerseyland Cheese/ Jerseyland Organics, Grand Forks
McLennan Creek Dairy, Abbotsford
Moonstruck Organic Cheese Inc., Salt Spring Island
Olympic Dairy Products Ltd., Delta

Organic Food Processors and Handlers

Agropur Co-Operative, dba Island Farms, Delta,
Amano Foods Ltd., Richmond
Basil Olive Oil Products, Pitt Meadows
Bobobaby, Burnaby
Canada Bread - Olafson's (Annacis) Bakery, Delta
Crannog Ales, Sorrento
Daniel le Chocolat Belge, Vancouver
Denman Island Chocolate Ltd., Denman Island
Discovery Organics, Burnaby
Echo Oils Inc, Millbank
Elam's Organics Inc., Cawston
Ethical Bean Coffee Company, Burnaby
Evergreen Herbs, Surrey
Flora Manufacturing & Distributing, Ltd., Burnaby
Gambrinus Malting Corporation, Armstrong
Green Cuisine Inc., Victoria
Happy Planet, Vancouver
Happy Planet Foods, Vancouver
Kootenay Kitchen, Christina Lake
Latin Organics Inc, West Vancouver
Living Harvest Conscious Nutrition Inc., New Westminster
Lucerne Foods, Abbotsford
Moja Coffee Corporation, North Vancouver
Moonstruck Organic Cheese Inc., Salt Spring Island
Natures Formulae, Kelowna
Nature's Path Foods, Richmond
North American Tea & Coffee, Delta
Nunweiler's Flour Co., Kelowna
Nutri-Loc Dried Foods Inc, Richmond

Nutri-Nation Functional Foods, Port Coquitlam
Oddball Organics, Langley
Old Country Edibles Ltd., Port Coquitlam
Organic Milling Co-operative, Armstrong
Pacific Coast Fruit Products Ltd., Abbotsford
Pacific Western Brewing Company Ltd., Prince George
Pistol & Burnes Coffee Roasters, Delta
Pro Organics, Burnaby
Rogers Foods Ltd., Armstrong
Salt Spring Roasting Co., Salt Spring Island
Sensient Flavors Canada Inc, Delta
Sepp's Gourmet Foods Ltd., Burnaby
Silver Hills Bakery, Abbotsford
Silverking Soya, Nelson
Skeet & Ikes, Burnaby
SoyaWorld, Inc., Burnaby
Sunrise Soya Foods, Vancouver
SunRype Products Ltd., Kelowna
The Pepper Forrest Spice Co. Cawston
T.R.U. Buy-O-Logical Foods Ltd., Abbotsford
Valentine Farm, Summerland
Van Rice Products, Richmond
Vancouver Croissant Ltd., Burnaby
Victoria Vintage Cidery, Victoria
Voets Coffee Roasting Ltd, Vernon
Western Waffles Ltd, Delta
Wild West Organic Harvest, Richmond
Zebroff's Organic Farm, Cawston

Fruit Packinghouses

Cawston Cold Storage Ltd., Cawston
Direct Organics Plus Ltd., Cawston
Fairview Orchards Ltd., Oliver
Harker's Fruit Ranch, Cawston
Okanagan Similkameen Co-op Growers Association, Oliver

Egg Grading Stations

Bradner Farms, Abbotsford
Egg Stream Farms, Chilliwack
Golden Valley Foods, Abbotsford
Island Egg Sales, Westholme
Pinegrove Farms, Abbotsford
Rabbit River Farms, Richmond
Second Nature Farm, Langley
Zebroff's Organic Farm, Cawston

Meat Distributors

Organa Farms, Chilliwack
Walters Exotic Meats Inc., Langley

Retailers

Capers Community Markets, Vancouver

Appendix 3: British Columbia Certified Organic Seed Growers

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Certified organic Seed Potatoes

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aim@islandnet.com

Planting Seeds Project:
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Lytton
www.plantingseedsproject.com
mojaveseeds@yahoo.com
contact for certified organic contract seed growing for
your specialty needs ~ bulk seed

Rebecca's Garden
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Salt Spring Seeds And Seed Sanctuary
Dan Jason or contact Marsha Goldberg

Salt Spring Island
250-537-5269
www.saltspringseeds.com
(Inquiries only, no phone orders)

Seeds Of Victoria-Garden Path Seeds
Carolyn Herriot

Victoria
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www.earthfuture.com/gardenpath
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Stellar Seeds
Patrick Steiner

Salmon Arm
www.stellarseeds.com
farmer bulk seed available

Sunshine Farm Seeds
John and Sher Alcock

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Two Wings Farm Seeds
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C-Intra Botanicals
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George Morizawa

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Featuring naturally, organically grown and wild
harvested seeds, including medicinal herbs.

West Coast Seeds
(Seed distributor)
Mary Ballon

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West Coast Seeds carries some Certified Organic and
farmer direct seeds, including BC grown. Look for these
marked as Certified Organic in the West Coast Seeds
catalogue ~ bulk seed

Appendix 4: British Columbia Marketing Board - Contacts

British Columbia Chicken Marketing Board

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Web: <http://www.bcchicken.ca/>

British Columbia Egg Marketing Board

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Fax: 604 556-3410
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Web: <http://www.bcegg.com/>

British Columbia Milk Marketing Board

Address: 200 – 32160 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford, BC V2T 1W5
Telephone: 604 556-3444
Fax: 604 556-7717
Email: info@milk-bc.com
Web: <http://www.milk-bc.com/>

British Columbia Turkey Marketing Board

Address: 106 – 19329 Enterprise Way, Surrey, BC V3S 6J8
Telephone: 604 534-5644
Fax: 604 534-3651
Email: admin@bcturkey.com/
Web: <http://www.bcturkey.com/>

British Columbia Vegetable Marketing Commission

Address: 207, 15252 – 32 Ave, Surrey, BC V3S 0R7
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Fax: 604 542-9735
Web: <http://www.beveg.com/>

Appendix 5: Regulatory Framework

Municipal Governments and Regional Districts

Municipal and regional legislations that apply to agricultural operations are specific to each city or district. Regional Districts have certain jurisdictions granted under various acts. Most local government legislation deals with zoning bylaws. Municipal jurisdictions may include:

- Development cost charges are collected to assist the municipality in paying the capital costs of providing, constructing, altering or expanding sewage, water, drainage and highway facilities
- Site coverage regulations restrict building set-back distances
- Water, natural gas, and road access
- Special management areas, such as transitional boundaries between agricultural and residential/commercial land-use
- Fees for water
- Building permits

Provincial Government

Ministry of Agriculture and Lands

- *Agricultural Land Commission Act* – regulates land in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)
- *Agricultural Produce Grading Act* – “The Act provides the legislative framework for quality control standards for specific agricultural products through the establishment of grading systems.”
- *Agri-food Choice and Quality Act* – “The purpose of the Act is to allow a person engaged in the food or agriculture industry to obtain certification that the agri-food product they produce or the practices they follow in the production and selling of agri-food products meet prescribed standards; and on the issuance of a certificate, to advertise the agri-food product as meeting the prescribed standards or being produced and sold in accordance with the prescribed standards.”
- *Animal Disease Control Act* – “Provides a statutory authority to limit the spread of contagious diseases in animals, including aquatic animals.”
- *British Columbia Wine Act* – “The purpose of this Act is to establish the [British Columbia Wine Institute](#), which may establish standards for wines, manufactured from grapes grown in British Columbia.”
- *Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm)* – “The Act ensures that farmers can farm in the agricultural land reserve by protecting them from nuisance lawsuits, nuisance bylaws and prohibitive injunctions when they are using normal farm practices.”
- *Farming and Fishing Industries Development Act* – “The Act allows commodity groups to establish a self-levy system to fund market promotion, market development, research and other development.”
- *Food Products Standards Act* – “This Act allows the Province to establish compositional and quality standards for processed foods”
- *Game Farm Act* – “This Act enables the orderly development and production of the game farming industry.”
- *Land Act* – “This Act governs the disposition, management and administration of Crown land in the Province as well as the surveying of Crown land.”

- *Livestock Act* – “The Act permits establishment of livestock where, with minor exceptions, livestock may run at large within the district boundaries; permits the establishment of Bull Control areas, which under the direction of a Bull Control Committee determine the number, breed, breeding, quality and age of bulls allowed to run at large within the area; and permits the establishment of pound districts to allow keepers, peace officers and others to capture of animals at large within a specified area, and allows for the sale of unclaimed impounded animals and the reimbursement of the keeper.”
- *Livestock Identification Act* – “*The Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Statutes Amendment Act (S.B.C. 1997, c.14)* amended the *Livestock Brand Act* to allow the livestock industry to establish a system for registration of brands in the province, for brand inspection and for the transfer of brands.”
- *Livestock Lien Act* – “The Act creates a possessory lien in favour of every keeper of a livery, boarding or sale stable and every agistor of cattle holding any livestock or effects.”
- *Milk Industry Act* – “The Act provides for an inspection system to ensure that standards of sanitation are adequate, and places certain restrictions on milk vendors.”
- *Natural Products Marketing (BC) Act* – “The Act provides for a system of Schemes for individual commodities to promote, control and regulate production, transportation, packing, storage and marketing of natural products in the province, including prohibition of that production, transportation, packing storage and marketing in whole or in part.”
- *Plant Protection Act* – “The Act provides for the prevention of the spread of pests destructive to plants in British Columbia including the powers of inspectors and the authority to establish quarantine areas”
- *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act* – “The Act ensures the humane treatment of animals by providing a legislative mandate for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in British Columbia.”
- *Seed Potato Act* – “The Act facilitates the growing of certified seed potatoes; provides for the constitution of seed potato control areas, appointment of seed control committees (the functions, powers and duties); and places restriction of growth of any but seed of a variety prescribed by the committee in a seed potato control area.”
- *The Invasive Plant Strategy* – “A strategy to build cooperation and coordination to protect British Columbia’s environment and minimize negative social and economic impacts caused by the introduction, establishment and spread of invasive plant species.”
- *Weed Control Act* – “The Act places responsibility for control of noxious weeds upon occupiers of land.”

Ministry of Health

- *Food Safety Act* – “Consolidates food safety aspects formerly present in the *Milk Industry Act*, the *Fish Inspection Act*, the *Meat Inspection Act* and the *Health Act* into one statute.”
- *Health Act* – “This comprehensive Act provides the authority for all matters pertaining to health and disease prevention within the Province.”

Labour and Citizens’ Services

- *Employment Standards Act* – “The main purpose of this Act is to set minimum standards for wages and terms of employment for all workers in British Columbia.”
- *Workers Compensation Act* - “The Act sets out safety related criteria and conditions for all workers in British Columbia.”

Ministry of Environment

- *Environmental Management Act* – “This *Act* provides the ministry with the authority to manage, protect and enhance the environment. The *Act* also requires the preparation of plans for flood control, drainage, soil conservation, water resource management, fisheries and aquatic life management, wildlife management, waste management, and air management. The *Act* provides for the regulation of some environmental assessments, the issuance of environmental protection orders; the declaration of environmental emergencies and the allocation of required resources to control emergencies and the recovery of moneys spent during an emergency from the responsible party.”
- *Fish Protection Act* – Protection of all fish inhabited waterways
- *Integrated Pest Management Act* – “This *Act* establishes a regulatory regime for the control of pesticides. British Columbia Environment is responsible to license and certify sales, purchases and the use of pesticides in the province.”
- *Water Act* – “This *Act* creates a comprehensive system for the regulation of the Province's fresh water systems.”
- *Water Protection Act* – “This *Act* provides essential protection of British Columbia's water.”

Federal Government

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

- *Agricultural Products Marketing Act* – “The *Agricultural Products Marketing Act* extends provincial marketing boards' authority to the federal level, so they can improve marketing conditions for agricultural commodities by means of interprovincial and export trade and levy authority.”
- *Farm Income Protection Act* – “The *Act* authorizes agreements between the Government of Canada and the provinces to provide for protection for the income of producers of agricultural products and to enable the Government of Canada to take additional measures for that purpose.”

Canadian Food Inspection Agency

- *Canada Agriculture Products Act* – “The *Act* regulates the marketing of agricultural products in import, export, and interprovincial trade. It provides for national standards and grades of agricultural products, for their inspection and grading, for the registration of establishments, and for standards governing establishments.”
- *Consumer Packaging and Labeling Act* – “The *Act* and regulations establish basic labeling requirements for a broad range of prepackaged consumer products.”
- *Feeds Act* – “This *Act* controls and regulates the sale of animal feeds.”
- *Fertilizers Act* – “This *Act* covers agricultural fertilizers. Fertilizers and supplements may only be sold in or imported into Canada if they have been registered, packaged and labeled as prescribed and if they conform to the standards set out in the *Act*.”
- *Health of Animals Act* – “This *Act* covers the diseases and toxic substances that may affect animals or be transmitted by animals to people, and the protection of animals.”
- *Meat Inspection Act* – “The *Act* controls the trade of meat products, the inspection of animals and meat products, the registration and standards of establishments and for animals slaughtered and meat products prepared in those establishments.”

- *Plant Breeder's Rights Act* – “The Act establishes a system for intellectual property rights enabling breeders of new varieties of plants to have the exclusive right to produce and sell propagating material of their new plant varieties.”
- *Plant Protection Act* – “The purpose of this Act is to protect plant life and the agriculture and forestry industries by preventing the importation, exportation and spread of injurious pests and by providing for their control and eradication as well as the certification of plants and other things.”
- *Seeds Act* – “This Act covers the testing, inspection, quality and sale of seeds.”

Health Canada

- *Food and Drugs Act* – “This Act gives general regulations for foods, drugs, cosmetics and therapeutic devices in respect to their manufacture, preparation, preservation, packaging processes and storage, followed by specific details for each. It also covers standards for the labeling, packaging, distribution and classification of these products. The Act does not apply to products destined for export”
- *Pest Control Products Act* – “Requires that all products imported, manufactured, sold or used in Canada to control pests must be registered. The intent of the Act is to ensure the safety, merit and value of pest control products used in Canada. It focuses on the protection of human health and the environment, and product performance.”

Department of Fisheries and Oceans

Fisheries Act – “The Act was established to protect Canada’s fisheries resources and supporting habitats. The habitat protection provisions prescribe that no one may carry out a work or undertaking that results in a harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat, unless it has been authorized by DFO. The Act also prohibits the deposit of deleterious (e.g., harmful) substances into waters containing fish. Some examples of deleterious substances include fertilizers, pesticides, manure, sediment, milk waste, etc.