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Organic Certification Program

The Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) is one of 95 accredited organic certifiers under the USDA's National Organic Program. CDA became accredited in 2002 to certify crop and livestock producers, process handlers and wild crop operations under the National Organic Standards (Code of Federal Regulation Article 7 Part 205).

The USDA has an excellent fact sheet on organic certification at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELDEV3004346&acct=nopgeninfo>

If an entity wishes to apply for certification, they can contact CDA at 303.239.4139 or obtain the materials on line at www.colorado.gov/ag/dpi and click on the organic program link. To conduct all of the steps that are required for organic certification, an entity should allow 10 to 15 weeks from the time they apply for a certification decision to be made. CDA currently certifies over 180 operations in Colorado.