



Application
Submitted via website by:

PRODUCE & FLOWERS APPLICATION

Farm Business Information

Applicant Name

Applicant Email

Farm Name

Farm Location Address

County

Display Street Address?

- Show street address on public profile

Show Location Pin on Map?

- Show my farm location on the CNG map

Does the farm have a different mailing address than the physical location above?

Do you have additional physical locations for this farm?

Farm Phone Number

Cell Phone?

Make Public?

- Show phone number on CNG public profile

Farm Phone Number (alternative)

Cell Phone?

Make Public?

- Show phone number on CNG public profile

Website

Facebook

Instagram

Twitter

TikTok

Production History

Please briefly tell us why you are applying to be part of the Certified Naturally Grown (CNG) program:

Are you currently third-party-certified for your produce operation by any other organization (Organic, Biodynamic, etc.)?

Have you held any certification/s in the past that you don't currently hold?

Have you ever been denied certification?

How did you hear about CNG?

Please provide more details. It's great for us to know how our grassroots movement is spreading.

How long have you been growing and selling your products?

CNG Experience Requirement

How did you learn to farm? What has prepared you to farm successfully according to CNG standards?

Crops and Markets

Total number of acres you want listed as CNG:

Do you have other acreage in "Conventional" Agricultural Systems?

General Listed Acreage Breakdown

Of the acreage that you want listed as CNG, list the number of acres you have in each crop category.

Vegetables:

Fruit:

Cut Flowers:

Hay:

Grains:

Dry Beans:

Sugarbush:

Other Acreage:

Check all items you grow and would like to market as CNG.

Check your top three primary crops:

Specify any other items you'd like listed as CNG:

List any crops you grow that will not be listed as CNG, and explain why you're not seeking to certify them.

Check all markets you grow for (this will be displayed on your farm profile to help potential buyers find you).

Farmland Management & Practices

Describe how you prepare your ground for planting.

Do you use Cover Crops?

Do you use Compost?

Do you use Manure?

Please list any other brought in fertility sources that you use (rock powders, lime, alfalfa meal, fertilizer mixes, etc.) For each product, list the full name, manufacturer, and OMRI status.

Input FAQ

**How do you decide which inputs (fertilizers, pest/disease control products, etc.) to use on your farm?
How will you determine if an input is allowed for use in CNG production?**

Have any chemical fertilizers been applied to the fields you are seeking Certification for in the last three years (36 months)?

Micronutrient Fertilizers FAQ

Have any non-acceptable pesticides and/or herbicides been applied to these fields in the last three years?

Do you use Professional Soil Testing services?

In detail, describe your primary weed problems AND methods of control. Do not answer "none". You MUST indicate either actual weed challenges and/or LIKELY challenges, and you must ALSO indicate how you manage (or would manage) them. If you indicate a product, also specify how often it's used.

In detail, describe your primary insect challenges AND methods of control. Do not answer "none". You MUST indicate either actual pest challenges and/or LIKELY challenges, and you must ALSO indicate how you manage (or would manage) them. If you indicate a product, also specify how often it's used.

In detail, describe your primary disease challenges AND methods of control. Do not answer "none". You MUST indicate either actual disease challenges and/or LIKELY challenges, and you must ALSO indicate how you manage (or would manage) them. If you indicate a product, also specify how often it's used.

Please list any weed, pest, or disease products that you use (insecticidal soap, horticultural vinegar, copper, etc.). For each product, list the full name, manufacturer, and OMRI status.

Please list the water source you use for crop irrigation. If source is public river, pond or lake, please note the name:

Are there any known contaminants in the irrigation water?

Seeds & Transplants

CNG certification requires the use of certified organic or CNG seeds whenever available. Please indicate the suppliers from which you source (or will source) your seeds. The CNG seed standard also applies to sweet potato slips, seed potatoes, day-neutral strawberry slips, and flower bulbs, corms, and tubers.

Seed Sourcing Guidance

Please indicate, by typing your initials, that you will as a general rule purchase organically grown seeds, AND that you will only purchase conventional seed when the variety you wish to grow is not available in certified organic or CNG form. For each variety purchased in conventional form, you will identify (and keep records of) at least three commercial organic seed suppliers who do not carry that variety.

Do you purchase or grow using any Genetically Modified seeds?

Do you use any chemically treated seeds in your operation?

Do you grow your own transplants?

Do you source any transplants from off your farm?

Chemical/Spray Drift and Buffers:

Is there any likelihood of Chemical/Spray drift contamination of your fields?

Do you have an adequate buffer to protect yourself from potential contamination?

Buffers FAQ

Please describe your buffer. Be as specific as possible and include buffer widths. On all sides, how far is it from your crops to the next closest use (road, conventional crop, residential yard)? Be sure to specify what is grown on neighboring land that is in agricultural use. For example: To the north and east, a wooded area of at least 100 yards separates us from the neighbor's corn fields, to the south is a fallow field at least 100 yards deep separating us from the road, and to the west about 60 feet separates our crops from a field where conventional corn and soybeans are grown.

CNG relies on peer inspections so it is essential to have at least one eligible inspector nearby to complete your farm's certification. The most common inspectors are CNG farmers, uncertified farmers who are using natural practices, and sustainable ag professionals such as educators, and extension agents. View our [Inspection Guidelines](#) for details. You can also visit the [Find Farms](#) page for a list of CNG farms near you.

List at least one person who you could ask to conduct your farm's inspection.

Agreements

Please indicate your agreement with the following statements by typing your initials into each corresponding text box.

I will not label, or in any way lead consumers to believe that produce not raised in accord with CNG standards is Certified Naturally Grown.

I understand that I have to complete at least one (and hopefully more) Certification Inspection(s) of another farm in my area each year and will abide by the trading and repeat rules within the CNG Inspection Guidelines.

I have reviewed the Certified Naturally Grown certification standards, I understand them, and I will abide by them. I understand that if I have any questions I may contact CNG for clarification.

Mailing List Consent

✘ Consent not given.

I acknowledge that as part of my certification and related communications, my email address will be added CNG's mailing list.

You may use this space to tell us anything else you think we should know about your farm: