Guidance -

PCO has updated their organic certificate structure in alignment with the NOP program. We listened to client feedback and have combined the certificate and page previously known as the addendum in one convenient document. Certificates remain valid until the operations certification is surrendered, suspended or revoked. They are updated if there is a change to the business name, address, scope, or new products resulting in a change of certificate number. Note that buyers must secure all parts of the certificate as proof for their purchases on the organic market. The first page of the certificate does not contain enough information suitable for your buyer's verification.

DEFINITIONS

In order to better understand the structure of PCO's organic certificates, it is helpful to establish some definitions:

Effective Date- The effective date on organic certificates refers to the date the operation was first certified (NOP §205.404)

Issued Date- the Issued date on organic certificates refers to the date in which PCO created/ Issued the document (NOP instruction 2603)

<u>Categories-</u> The categories listed on the organic certificates refer to the NOP scopes of organic production- Crops, Livestock, Handling and/or Wild Crops. (NOP §205.404)

<u>Anniversary Date-</u> The anniversary date is the date in which a certified operation must submit its annual update paperwork. This date is updated after the operation submits their annual update paperwork. This is <u>not</u> an expiration date. (NOP instruction 2603)

<u>Version date-</u> Certificates may be updated without reissuing, this will be reflected by the version number. The date following the version number is the date on which the document was updated.

<u>Product-</u> The product refer to the specific items added under each NOP scope

Brand- The brands refer to the specific name brands added under each product

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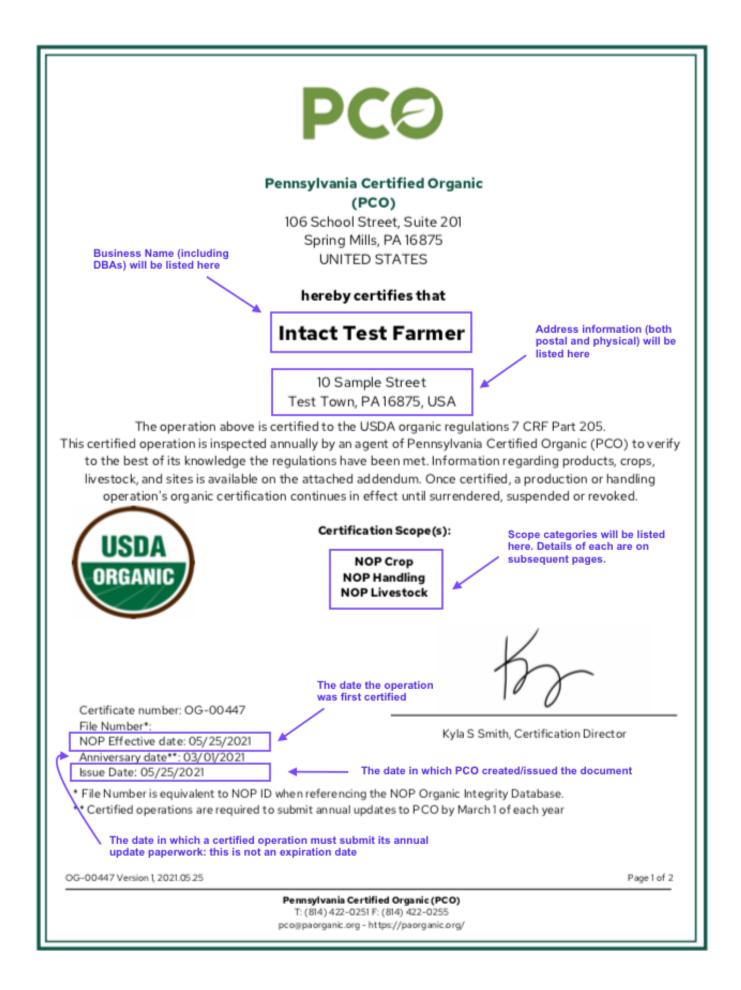
Producers and handlers that produce, handle, or process organic products must be certified organic. (See 7 CFR § 205.100(a).) Exceptions to this rule are explained in 7 CFR § 205.101 of the regulations.

NOP Instruction 2603 Organic Certificates details the required components of an organic certificate, including the dates outlined above in the definitions section.

RESOURCES

- NOP §205.404
- NOP INSTRUCTION 2603

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Organic Certificate Addendum

This Organic Certificate Addendum is provided to describe the certified products and the organic standard equivalence arrangement and/or export arrangement to which compliance has been verified. It is valid only with the corresponding organic certificate(s).

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Fruit - Berries				
Product			Compliance	
Blueberries		NOP Crop		
ivestock		Indicat certifie	es whether the product is N0 d and/or eligible for export	
ertified Product (Org	anic)			
Product	Compliance			
Turkeys	NOP Livestock			
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Condiments and Swee	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
Product	Brands	Compliance		
Syrups > Maple Syrup	365	NOP Handling		
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