



PCO ORGANIC CERTIFICATE STRUCTURE

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)

Categories- 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)

Anniversary Date- 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 not an expiration date. (NOP instruction 2603)

Version date- 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.

Product- 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

NOP REGULATIONS AND PCO POLICY

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**



Pennsylvania Certified Organic (PCO)

106 School Street, Suite 201
Spring Mills, PA 16875
UNITED STATES

Business Name (including DBAs) will be listed here

hereby certifies that

Intact Test Farmer

Address information (both postal and physical) will be listed here

10 Sample Street
Test Town, PA 16875, USA

The operation above is certified to the USDA organic regulations 7 CFR Part 205. This certified operation is inspected annually by an agent of Pennsylvania Certified Organic (PCO) to verify to the best of its knowledge the regulations have been met. Information regarding products, crops, livestock, and sites is available on the attached addendum. Once certified, a production or handling operation's organic certification continues in effect until surrendered, suspended or revoked.



Certification Scope(s):

Scope categories will be listed here. Details of each are on subsequent pages.

**NOP Crop
NOP Handling
NOP Livestock**

The date the operation was first certified

Certificate number: OG-00447

File Number*:

NOP Effective date: 05/25/2021

Anniversary date**: 03/01/2021

Issue Date: 05/25/2021

Kyla S Smith, Certification Director

The date in which PCO created/issued the document

* File Number is equivalent to NOP ID when referencing the NOP Organic Integrity Database.

** Certified operations are required to submit annual updates to PCO by March 1 of each year

The date in which a certified operation must submit its annual update paperwork: this is not an expiration date

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).

Crop

The products for which the operation has been certified to produce

Certified Product (Certified)

Fruit - Berries

| Product | Compliance |
|-------------|------------|
| Blueberries | NOP Crop |

Indicates whether the product is NOP certified and/or eligible for export

Livestock

Certified Product (Organic)

Poultry

| Product | Compliance |
|---------|---------------|
| Turkeys | NOP Livestock |

Handling

Brands will be listed if relevant for the product

Certified Product (Organic)

Condiments and Sweeteners

| Product | Brands | Compliance |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Syrups > Maple Syrup | 365 | NOP Handling |
| Syrups > Maple Syrup | Abbotsford Farms | NOP Handling |

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The date this certificate was created

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