



## How to Perform USDA Organic Integrity Database (OID) Advanced Search

### What is the OID?

It's the USDA Organic Integrity Database. This is the official location to check if an operation is certified organic.

### BIG Change!

Effective March 19, 2024, certifiers have to keep information current in the OID. Operation level information should be current. Loss of certification through Surrender, Suspension, or Revocation must be updated within 72 hours by the certifying agent.

**Certificate vs Annexes:** Certificates are issued from the USDA OID, and annexes (or addendums) are issued by the certifying agent separately. Each certifying agent will approach annexes separately, but the OID is now the official verification location for certification status.

**Acreage Note:** It is likely acreage information will not be updated until the operation's field(s) are confirmed as certified for the season. New acreage information may not be posted until confirmed through inspection. Product updates and scope information is required and should be representative of operation status at the time of viewing. If questions exist, contact the certifying agent or operation for clarification.

**Who maintains information?** USDA National Organic Program (NOP) houses the information in the OID but is not supplying the data. Data is supplied by the certifying agent, based on information supplied by the operation.

### Setting up your search.

*Instructions for performing advanced searches in OID, opportunities to extract information through advanced search function.*

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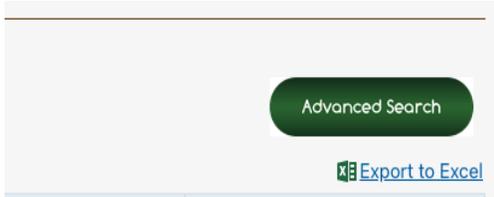
## PART 1: Searching for operation(s) in advanced search.

**Step 1:** Follow the hyperlink to the USDA OID Website.

<https://organic.ams.usda.gov/integrity>



**Step 2:** Select “Advanced Search” on the right:



**Step 3:** Setting up your advanced filter.

*Once the advanced search page opens, you can modify your search parameters and filter settings. The filter choices populate the left side of the page, and the following instructions supply resources for performing an effective advanced search.*

Update the following fields, according to your needs:

- a. **Program:** DO NOT CHANGE (Leave USDA NOP only) *UNLESS* you are searching for an exporter for issuance of import certificate- all other programs and equivalence are in present for import purposes only. Those are NOT NOP certified operations.
- b. **Certifier:** Leave blank- unless you want to see how many operations a specific certifier has certified.





c. **Operation Information:** Skip operation Information <<for now>>.

Operation Information

Operation Name (Incl Other & Former)

Structured Name Search

NOP Operation ID

Certifier Client ID

Contact Last Name

City

State/Province

Enter One State to Select Counties

County

Enter One or More Counties

ZIP/Postal Code

Country/Territory

Enter One or More Countries

d. **Operation Status:**

- a. Unselect: "Check All"
- b. Check: "Certified"

**Note:** Surrendered, suspended, revoked indicate the operation is **NOT** certified and should be excluded unless specifically of interest.

Operation Status

Operation Certification Status

Check All

Certified

Surrendered

Suspended

Revoked

Operation Status Effective Date

MM/DD/... To MM/DD/...



**e. Scopes and products:**

- a. Unselect "Check All"
- b. Choose "Crop" and/or other scope(s) if you would like i.e. "Livestock", "Handler", "Wild Crop". You may select 1, 2,3, or all 4 scopes, depending on the search needs.

**f. Scope Status:**

- a. Unselect: "Check All"
- b. Select: "Certified"

**g. Services and Business Types:** *Optional*

Use if you'd like, otherwise leave unselected. This will indicate "true" or "false" in the report for each business type.

A screenshot of a web application's search filter interface titled "Scopes and Products". The interface is organized into several sections:

- Scope:** A section with a "Check All" button (disabled) and four checkboxes: "Crops" (checked), "Handling" (unchecked), "Livestock" (unchecked), and "Wild Crops" (unchecked).
- Scope Status:** A section with a "Check All" button (disabled) and three checkboxes: "Certified" (checked), "Surrendered" (unchecked), and "Suspended" (unchecked). Below these is a radio button for "Not Certified/Specified" (unchecked).
- Certified Products:** A section with two radio buttons: "OR" (selected) and "AND" (unselected).
- Input Fields:** A text input field labeled "Enter One or More Products" and another text input field labeled "Exact Product Name".



**h. Operation Information:** Move back up to “Operation Information”

If desired, it’s possible to narrow down by location (country, state, city) --AND-- (if specific production information search is desired)

Under Scopes and Products:

- Choose “Certified Products”;
- Keep “or” selected;
- and type the commodity or product. Note that this field can be input very differently across certifying agent, and spelling can vary. The more specific the search words, the more limiting your results will be. It is recommended that you perform a broader search, then use the download spreadsheet option to filter by product, rather than search in OID by product.

A screenshot of a web form titled "Operation Information" with a dropdown arrow. The form contains several input fields: "Operation Name (Incl Other & Former)", "NOP Operation ID", "Certifier Client ID", "Contact Last Name", "City", "State/Province" (with a sub-field "Enter One State to Select Counties"), "County" (with a sub-field "Enter One or More Counties"), "ZIP/Postal Code", and "Country/Territory" (with a sub-field "Enter One or More Countries"). There is also a checked checkbox for "Structured Name Search".

**j. Complete Search:**

Scroll back to the top and press “Search”. *The bottom search button does not work consistently and should be ignored.*

**k. Export Search Results to XLS.**

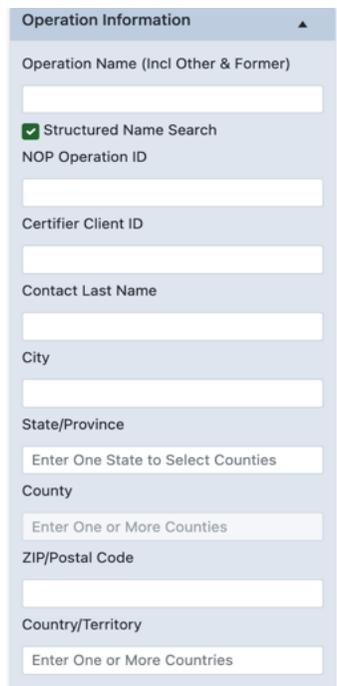
If you’d like to export your search to an .xls spreadsheet, click “export to excel” on the top right side of the page after search. The spreadsheet will show in your “downloads” folder when complete.

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## PART 2: Confirming Certified Status of Operations

If OID is being used to confirm certified status, follow the instructions provided below:

- 1) Go to Advanced Search (as described above).
- 2) In “Operation Information” search by any of the criteria.
  - a. Please note that misspellings in the system or when you search can impact the search outcomes.



Operation Information ▲

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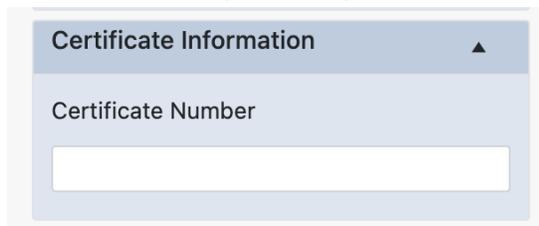
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ZIP/Postal Code

Country/Territory

Enter One or More Countries

- b. You can alternately search by Certificate Number (less common):



Certificate Information ▲

Certificate Number

- 3) Hit “Search”

4) Select the operation.

Program	Operation	Certifier	Info	Status	City	State/Province	Country	Certified Prod...
USDA-NOP	"BREDUN" LP	[EKOAGROS] Ekoagros	1	Certified			Kazakhstan	CROPS: Other: ...
USDA-NOP	"COPAN EXPORTADORES, SOCIEDAD ANONIMA (COPANEX, S.A.)"	[IMOC] IMOCert Latinoamerica LTDA	1	Certified			Honduras	CROPS: Fruit - ...
USDA-NOP	"HALILOGULI LARI GRUP TEKSTIL INSAAT PETROL KIMYA GIDA OTOMOTIV NAKL IYF TARIM URUNU FRI TAHHUT SANAYI VE DIS TICARET LIMITED SIRKE"	[EKOAGROS] Ekoagros	1	Certified	Silopi	Sirnak	Turkey	CROPS: Other: ...
USDA-NOP	"Helianthus" LLC	[ETKO] Ecological Farming Control Organization	1	Certified	Pereshchepino city	Novomoskovsk distr.	Ukraine	CROPS: Other: ...
USDA-NOP	"PRODUCTORES DE AJONJOLI NATURAL ORGANICO DE APATZINGAN" SC DE P DE RL DE CV	[OCIA] Organic Crop Improvement Association	1	Certified	El Sandoval	Michoacán	Mexico	CROPS: Field/F...
USDA-NOP	"PRODU... NATURA... DE CV"	[OCIA] Organic Crop Improvement Association	1	Certified	El Sandoval	Michoacán	Mexico	CROPS: Field/F...

5) Click the “print certificate” on the upper right-hand side of the screen.

**Operation Profile (8830001178) updated on 04/12/2024**

Program: USDA-NOP (U.S.A.)

Operation Name: "PRODUCTORES DE AJONJOLI NATURAL ORGANICO DE APATZINGAN" SC DE P DE RL DE CV

Operation Status: Certified

Status Effective Date: 01/11/2018

Certifier: [OCIA] Organic Crop Improvement Association

Operation Details | [Product Details](#)

NOP ID: 8830001178

Certifier Client ID: 100603

Other/Formal Names: N/A

NOP Anniversary Date: 09/01/2025

Business Types/Services: Grower Group

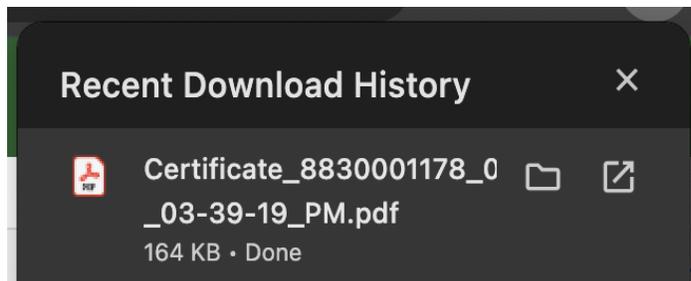
Total Certified Acres: 179.77

[Export to PDF](#) | [Print Certificate](#)

Scope and Product Summary

**Note in this image:** “Certified” to the right of “Operation Status”  
 Products will show below the operation information. Ensure that the information matches the business name and address you are purchasing/sourcing from.

- 6) When you select “Print Certificate”
- The certificate will automatically download to your files. Check if there is a pop-up blocker if you don’t see it download.





- 7) The **Certificate Annex** (an auxiliary optional document issued by certifying agents) - Is not available through the OID. You will need to request the annex through the operation you are purchasing from, or from the certifying agent directly. It is likely the operation will need to request and supply this information to you.
  - a. Example reasons you may need the annex: product name, brand name of purchased product, specific product equivalence verification performed, etc.