Finding and verifying suppliers on the INTEGRITY Database

How can you use the USDA's Organic INTEGRITY database (sometimes called OID or just INTEGRITY) to find suppliers or verify current suppliers are still certified?

The database contains a lot of useful information and can help you maintain supplier documentation to provide to your certifier and have ready for inspections.



Find the Database

You can find the database online here: https://organic.ams.usda.gov/integrity/ or search "organic integrity database" on common search engines.

Which operations are shown in INTEGRITY?

The database displayed when you go to that website address are operations certified to the National Organic Program by USDA-accredited certifiers. Those certifiers are directly overseen by the USDA.

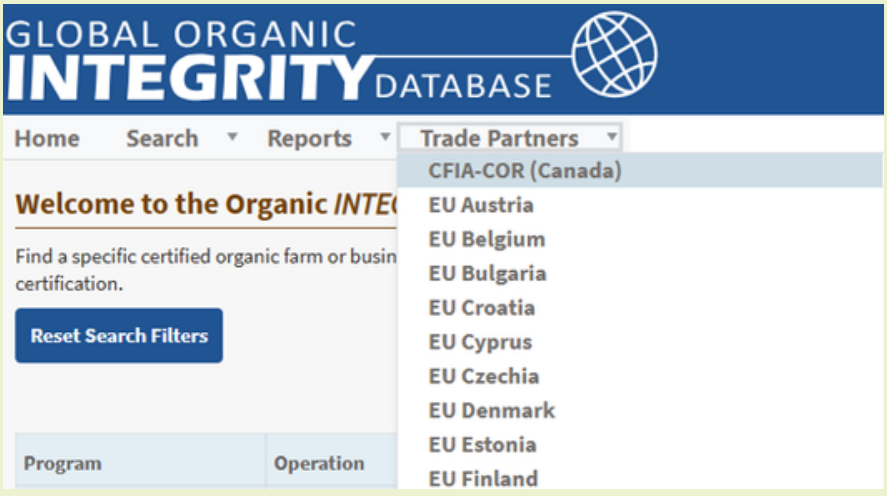
Global Database

There is also a Global Organic Integrity Database. You can reach this by going to the Trade Partners menu (see below). On the global database, you will find operations certified under recognition agreements and equivalencies. The recognition agreements allow New Zealand and Israel authorities to accredit organic certifiers to the NOP, so operations they certify may be listed. Also, operations that sell to the US under equivalency agreements (for example, agreements between the EU and US or US and Japan) may be indicated there.

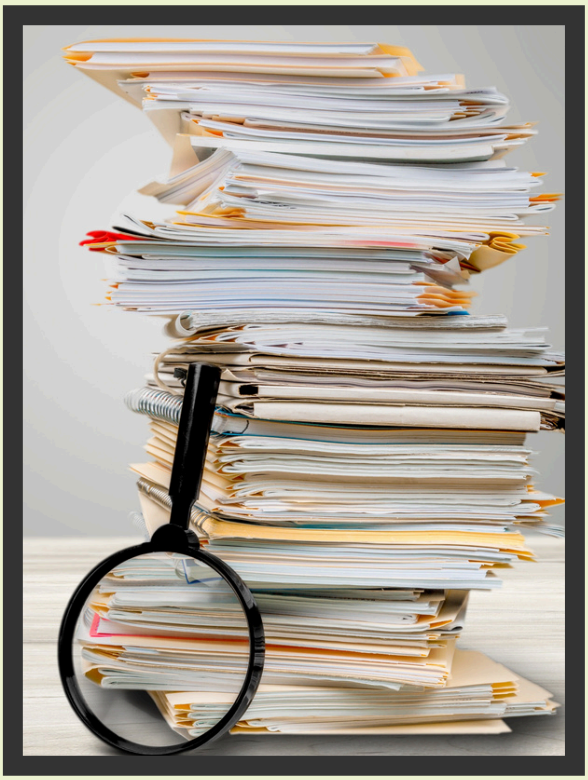
All global organic operations are not included; only operations who export to the US must be listed.



How to access the Global Organic INTEGRITY Database:



Searching for Operations



First, determine which database you want to search. For example, are your suppliers outside the US? If yes, choose the appropriate trade partner on the Global (blue) side. If not, search the green side.

Second, you can then use the simple search on the main page by indicating part of an operation name, their organic certifier, their city, state, or country. You may also indicate certified products, but you are likely to receive too many results unless it is combined with the other search terms.

There is also the option to use the Advanced Search on the right side:



Advanced Search

The advanced search has many options to choose from, and every item added will narrow down the search.

Some important options here are to search for operations that surrendered, are suspended, or were revoked. It's also possible to search by a specific scope (for example, crops and livestock) or business type.



Note: If two scopes are chosen (e.g., crops and livestock), the search will not return operations that are certified to **both** scopes. Instead it returns the operations certified for either scope. If you are searching for a livestock operation, only choose the livestock scope to see those results.

You can use the various search options to monitor operations for status changes (certifiers must update these within 3 business days of the change), look for new suppliers, and look for ingredients, among other things.

Example:

You need to find the organic status of farmer Dale Smith who lives in Wisconsin, but you cannot remember the name of his company.



1. Go to the Advanced Search.
2. Enter "Smith" under "Contact Last Name."
3. Add Wisconsin under State/Province.
4. Choose "Check All" for Operation Certification Status.
5. Only check "Crops" under Scopes and Products (Scope status can be "check all").
6. Click the blue Search button at the top or bottom of the screen.
7. See the Search Results to the right.
8. You may need to click on some records to find the one you want, but the search results will display according to your criteria.

Opening a Record

Regardless of how you search, when you find a record you want to view, click on the operation name to open it.

You will see the date it was last updated by the certifier: **Operation Profile (995000 132) updated on 10/08/2026**



Remember, NOP certification is continuous and valid unless suspended, surrendered, or revoked.

Across from this language, on the right side of the screen, you will see two links: [Export to PDF] [Print Certificate]

You may click **Export to PDF** to save a copy of the record that you are viewing on the database.

You may also click **Print Certificate** to download a PDF copy of the operation's most recent organic certificate.

Note: Many organic certifiers provide to operations a separate addenda or profiles that list their products and other important information like brands, labeling categories, and equivalency arrangement approvals. You will need to contact the operation or the certifier for a copy of this. There may be a fee to obtain this from the certifier.

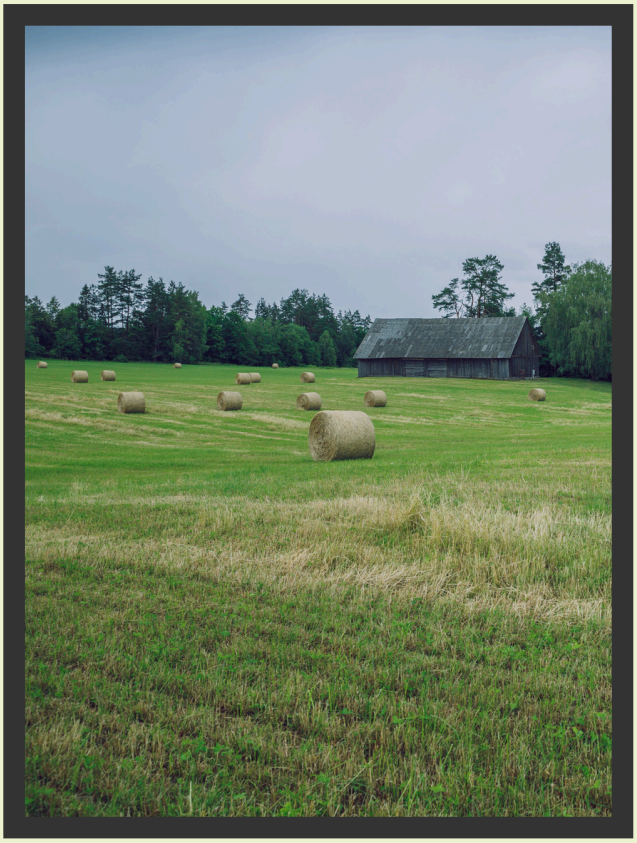
For more resources: https://www.organictransition.org/

Organic System Plan

Part of your Organic System Plan (OSP) will be to indicate how you are verifying suppliers and what records you are maintaining. Some operations may be keeping the saved operator record (or a screenshot) to show the operation was certified for a specific product as of the date the document. Your organic certifier may still require you to have copies of organic certificates. It's best to verify what is expected by your certifier so records are complete.

Also it is a best practice to request copies of organic certificates from your suppliers directly as part of your routine supplier verification so they can provide you any attachments like the addendum of products, but as demonstrated, you can use INTEGRITY to obtain organic certificates if needed.





Resources

Organic Integrity Database: https://organic.ams.usda.gov/integrity/

US-Canada Equivalency Global Integrity Database: https://organic.ams.usda.gov/integrity/Home/2

Frequently Asked Questions: https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/INTEGRITY%20FAQ.pdf

USDA ORGANIC TRANSITION TO ORGANIC PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

For more resources: https://www.organictransition.org/