



Is Your Honey Green?

Honey bees are essential partners to farmers and gardeners. Their tireless pollination helps generate nearly one third of our food. *Thank the bees for melons, berries, peaches, apples, and tomatoes!* Yet their health is threatened: pesticides, monoculture crops, in-hive chemicals, and parasites top their list of challenges.

Beekeepers can support these tiny workers by adopting chemical-free, natural practices that work in harmony with the bees' nature. Everyone can help by being choosy about how their honey was produced. *Does your honey come from vibrant hives of well-cared-for bees?*

CNG has developed an apiary certification program to support natural beekeeping.

Certified Naturally Grown Beekeepers:

- Refrain from in-hive chemical treatments
- Leave enough honey for the bees
- Locate hives near ample, diverse forage
- Don't feed high fructose corn syrup
- Care for the bees who help provide our food

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What is Certified Naturally Grown?



Certified Naturally Grown (CNG) offers peer-review certification to farmers and beekeepers who use natural practices free of synthetic chemicals to produce food for their local communities.

CNG is different from certified organic in important ways:

Grassroots CNG is a private non-profit organization founded by farmers in 2002. Member participation and support keeps us going strong.

Family Farm Friendly For small-scale farmers, organic certification can be too time-consuming and expensive. CNG offers a rigorous but streamlined certification process in which farmers inspect other farms.

Honey Bee Friendly Very few beekeepers can be certified organic due to organic forage requirements. CNG's apiary certification emphasizes natural methods that promote honey bee health, and is accessible to beekeepers without thousands of acres of land.

Movement Building Our peer inspections foster learning opportunities that build producers' knowledge base and strengthen the local farming and beekeeping communities.

Local When you buy CNG, you can be confident you're getting food produced nearby. Organic food from the grocery store may come from another country—or continent!

Internationally Recognized CNG's model of "Participatory Guarantee System" (PGS) certification is supported by the International Federation of Organic Agricultural Movements (IFOAM) and encouraged by the United Nations FAO for tens of thousands of small farmers globally.

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