



Who's Your Farmer?

Everyone can play a part in moving our food production systems in a more sustainable direction by knowing how their food is produced and making wise choices.

Our certification programs help you select fresh, locally grown food with confidence that the food on your table is good for your family and the environment.

Certified Naturally Grown farmers:

- Don't use synthetic chemical insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, or fertilizers
- Protect our soil, water, and air with crop rotation, cover crops, and buffer strips
- Don't use chemically treated or genetically modified (GMO) seeds
- Raise free-range livestock on open pasture
- Use feed grown without GMO seeds or synthetic materials
- Never use hormones or routine antibiotics on their livestock
- Maintain open records of farming practices online

Find participating farmers
(and beekeepers) near you at

www.naturallygrown.org



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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