



Georgia Department of Agriculture

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Commissioner

EXEMPT ORGANIC PRODUCER/ HANDLER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

New Renewal

This registration will expire on December 31st of the year issued.

YOU MUST NOTIFY THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IMMEDIATELY OF ANY CHANGES IN THIS SECTION

Name of Producer:			
Mailing Address			
City:	State:	Zip code:	County:
Physical Address: (if different from Mailing):			
Contact Person:		Title:	
Telephone number:		e-mail:	
Type of business (please Circle)			
Grower		Handler	

The National Organic Program (NOP) rules allow small farmers and handlers who follow the national organic standards to sell their product as “organic”, if they: a) sell less than \$5,000 worth of organic agricultural products per year; **and** b) follow the national standards for production, labeling, and record keeping.

An agricultural product organically produced or handled on an exempt operation may be labeled as an “organic”. However, a product produced or handled on an exempt operation **must not**:

- Display the USDA seal or any certifying agent's seal or other identifying mark which represents the exempt operation as a “certified organic” operation, or
- Be represented as a certified organic product or certified organic ingredient to any buyer.

Organic products produced on an exempt operation must not be identified as “organic” when used as ingredients in a product processed by others (7 C.F.R. Part 205.310).

I certify that I sell less than \$5,000 worth of organic agricultural products per year and I have followed the national standards for production, labeling, handling, and record keeping contained in 7 C.F.R. Part 205 (<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/nop>).

Mail Application To:
Ga. Dept. of Agriculture
1109 Experiment Street
Redding Building
Griffin, Georgia 30223

Owner/ Grower/ Handler (please print)

Owner / Grower/ Handler Signature

For Office Use Only

Date Application received: ___/___/___

Registration No.: _____

Application Approved By: _____ Date: ___/___/___

HANDLERS: LIST ORGANIC PRODUCTS AND AMOUNTS PROCESSED, HANDLED, DISTRIBUTED OR SOLD AS ORGANIC:

Product	Amount Processed	Amount Handled	Amount Distributed

HANDLERS: CERTIFICATION ORGANIZATION(S) OR GOVERNMENT ENTITIES CERTIFYING THESE PRODUCT(S) (IF ANY):

Name	Address

Describe measures taken to keep organic and non-organic ingredients separate:

ORGANIC REGISTRATION FIELD/ FACILITY LOCATION MAP

Verification of Lawful Presence Within United States

(O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1)

The Georgia Department of Agriculture is required by O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1 to verify citizenship/immigration status for all public benefits issued. All public benefits are defined in the law as certifications, licenses, registrations, state grant, etc. All new and renewal licenses are required to complete a notarized affidavit and provide one form of acceptable documentation as defined in O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1. The department will implement this change online no later than July 1, 2013. As directed by law, GDA will utilize the Federal Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security.

A notarized affidavit and one form of acceptable Secure and Verifiable documentation is required by O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1. Secure and Verifiable documents will only need to be submitted one time. Companies will only have to resubmit when their respected ownership changes.

Where can I get my affidavit notarized?

- Contact your local town or city hall.
- Visit an official court near your location.
- Check your banking or financial institution.
- Research your local notary options online.
- Contact your insurance company to determine if it has a notary you can use.

What documents are acceptable for the Secure & Verification (S&V) process?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• U.S. Passport• U.S. Military I.D• Driver's License<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Issued by:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• U.S. State• District of Columbia• Puerto Rico• Guam• Northern Marianas Islands• Virgin Islands• American Samoa• Swain Islands• Tribal Identification<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Federally Recognized Native American tribe | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Permanent Resident Card<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Green Card• Employment Authorization Document<ul style="list-style-type: none">– VISA• Passport Issued by a Foreign Government• Merchant Mariner Document<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Issued by U.S. Coast Guard• Canadian Driver's License• Certificate of Citizenship<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Issued by U.S. Dept. of Citizenship & Immigration Services• Birth Certificate<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Issued by U.S. Dept. of State |
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Additional information regarding O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1 can be found at:

Dept. of Homeland Security (SAVE Program) - <http://www.uscis.gov/>

Georgia Attorney General Office - <http://law.ga.gov/>

Georgia Dept. of Agriculture - <http://agr.georgia.gov/>

Georgia Dept. of Audits and Accounts - <http://www.audits.ga.gov/>

**For assistance, call the Customer Service Center at
404-586-1411 or toll free 855-4-AG-LICENSE (855-424-5423)
You can also send an email to gdaLICENSING@agr.georgia.gov**

O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1(e)(2) Affidavit

By executing this affidavit under oath, as an applicant for a(n) _____
[*type of public benefit*], as referenced in O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1, from
_____ [*name of government entity*], the undersigned applicant
verifies one of the following with respect to my application for a public benefit:

- 1) _____ I am a United States citizen.
- 2) _____ I am a legal permanent resident of the United States.
- 3) _____ I am a qualified alien or non-immigrant under the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act with an alien number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency.

My alien number issued by the Department of Homeland Security or other federal immigration agency is:_____.

The undersigned applicant also hereby verifies that he or she is 18 years of age or older and has provided at least one secure and verifiable document, as required by O.C.G.A. § 50-36-1(e)(1), with this affidavit.

The secure and verifiable document provided with this affidavit can best be classified as:
_____.

In making the above representation under oath, I understand that any person who knowingly and willfully makes a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation in an affidavit shall be guilty of a violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-10-20, and face criminal penalties as allowed by such criminal statute.

Executed in _____ (city), _____(state).

Signature of Applicant

Printed Name of Applicant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN
BEFORE ME ON THIS THE
___ DAY OF _____, 20___

NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: