

An Organic Glossary of Initialisms

Acronym	Name
AAFC	Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada
AB	Accreditation Board
ACAAF	Advancing Canadian Agriculture & Agri-Food Program
ACB	Accredited Certification Body
ACORN	Atlantic Canada Organic Regional Network
BCAC	British Columbia Agriculture Council
BCARA	British Columbia Association for regenerative Agriculture
BCCOP	British Columbia Certified Organic Program
BCMAL	British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture and Lands
BMP	Best Management Practices
BOPA	Boundary Organic Producers Association
CAB	Conformity Assessment Body (aka CB)
CAEQ	Committee on Accreditation for Evaluation of Quality
CAPA	Canadian Agricultural Products Act
CARTV	Le Conseil des appellations réservées et des termes valorisants (Quebec Accreditation)
CB	Certification Body
CC	Certification Committee
CBSA	Canadian Border Services Agency
CCME	Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment
CEN	Canadian Environment Network
CFIA	Canadian Food Inspection Agency
CGSB	Canadian General Standards Board
COA	Committee for Organic Agriculture (prev. CGSB's Technical Committee)
COABC	Certified Organic Associations of British Columbia
COG	Canadian Organic Growers
COO	Canada Organic Office
COR	Canada Organic Regime
CORP	Canadian Organic Retailing Practices
COS	Canadian Organic Standards
COST	Canadian Organic Standards Training
CSA	Community Supported Agriculture / Community Shared Agriculture
CSI	Centre for Systems Integration
CVB	Conformity Verification Body (aka Accreditation Body)
CWB	Canadian Wheat Board
DFAIT	Department of Foreign Affairs & International Trade
DMI	Dry Matter Intake
EEC / EU	European Economic Community / European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FVO	Farm Verified Organic (North Dakota aka ICS)

FVOPA	Fraser Valley Organic Producers Association (CB)
GE / GMO	Genetic Engineering / Genetically Modified Organism
GMO	Genetically-Modified Organism
GO	Going Organic (AB umbrella group)
GOA	Global Organic Alliance
GPMS	General Principles & Management Standards
HACCP	Hazards Analysis & Critical Control Points
IAF	International Accreditation Forum
IAFBC	Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC
ICS	International Certification Services (aka FVO)
IFOAM	International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements
IOAS	International Organic Accreditation Service
IOIA	International Organic Inspectors Association
IOPA	Islands Organic Producers Association
ISEAL	International Social and Environmental Accreditation and Labelling Alliance
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
KOGS	Kootenay Organic Growers Association
LEOGA	Living Earth Organic Producers Association
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Levels
MOA	Manitoba Organic Alliance
MRL	Maximum Residue Limits
NOAI	Non-Organic Agricultural Ingredients
NOOA	North Okanagan Organic Association
NOP	National Organic Program (of the USDA)
NOSB	National Organic Standards' Board (under USDA)
NSF	National Sanitation Foundation
OA	Organic Alberta
OACC	Ontario Agriculture Centre of Canada
OCIA	Organic Crop Improvement Association (International)
OCO	Organic Council of Ontario
OCPP	Organic Control Point
OC/PRO	OCPP / Pro-Cert Canada
OCQV	Québec Vrai
OFC	Organic Federation of Canada
OFCM	Organic Food Council of Manitoba
OFPA	Organic Food Production Act
OGD	Other Governmental Departments
OMRI	Organic Materials Review Institute
OPAM	Organic Producers' Association of Manitoba
OPR	Organic Products Regulation
OSMDI	Organic Sector Market Development Initiative (eg. CWB)
OSP	Organic System Plan (aka Organic Plan)

OTA	Organic Trade Association
OTCO	Oregon Tilth Certified Organic
OVCRT	Organic Value Chain Roundtable
PACS	Pacific Agricultural Certification Society
PGS	Participatory Guarantee Systems
PMRA	Pest Management Regulatory Agency
PSL	Permitted Substances List
PWGSC	Public Works and Government Services Canada
QA	Quality Assurance
QAI	Quality Assurance International
QC	Quality Control
QMI	Quality Management Institute's QMI Organic Inc.
QM/QMS	Manual Quality Management Systems Manual
SAA	Sustainable Agriculture Association
SCC	Standards Council of Canada
SIC	Standards Interpretation Committee (of the COO)
SOD	Saskatchewan Organic Directorate
SOOPA	Similkameen Okanagan Organic Producers Association
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
STOPA	Shuswap Thompson Organic Producers Association
UREC	Unavoidable Residual Environmental Contamination
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
VO	Verification Officers (CB Inspectors)

Certification process jargon

CA	Corrective Action
D	Deficiency
MI	Missing information
OCP	Organic Compliance Plan
OSP	Organic Systems Plan
NC	Non conformity
USCOEA	US Can Organic Equivalency Agreement