

REAL ORGANIC PROJECT CERTIFICATE

Turtle Tree Biodynamic Seed Initiative at Camphill Village Copake, New York

REAL ORGANIC PROJECT hereby certifies that the above operation is compliant with the standards developed by the Real Organic Project Standards Board. These standards are including but not limited to:

-  Crops are grown in healthy biologically active soil connected to the subsoil.
-  Livestock, if applicable, is given meaningful year-round access to the outdoors. Additionally, species-specific pasturing and animal welfare requirements have been met.
-  No Products within the same product category are simultaneously produced as certified organic and non-certified organic. This reduces fraud and consumer confusion, allowing for greater integrity within the certified organic marketplace.

The following categories of production are Real Organic Project certified:

Mixed Vegetables/Annual Fruit/Herbs; Seeds; Hay/Forage; Transplants; Greenhouse Crops

Processed Products certified with Real Organic Project:

Seeds

The following products raised on this farm are not certified with Real Organic Project:

ROP Certification#: ROP 3252018081

Valid Through November 30, 2026

unless withdrawn by Real Organic Project



Certification Director



Co-Director



Turtle Tree Biodynamic Seed and The Healing Plant Garden at Camphill Village
10 White Birch Rd
Copake, New York 12516

Welcome to the Real Organic Project family of farms! We are so excited that you are joining over 1000 farms across the country in standing up for integrity in the organic system. Since 2018 when Real Organic Project was started, we have seen major shifts in the conversation around organic integrity. As we move forward, our sole focus is to ensure that the certified organic food system is reserved for farmers who truly care for the soil, their animals, and the spirit of the organic food movement.

This document contains the following information:

Terms and Conditions (pg. 2) **Please read this section immediately.** This letter outlines the conditions of your certification with Real Organic Project, and under what circumstances you must notify us of changes to your operation. Please keep both this letter and your certificate for your records.

Logo Usage Policy (pg. 3-5) This section outlines the terms for using the Real Organic Project logo as well as information about how to download it for use.

If you have any questions about your certification, or Real Organic Project as a whole, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. We are so excited that you are a part of the Real Organic Project, and we look forward to working with you for many years to come.

Trish Clarkweiss
Certification Director
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2025 Terms and Conditions of Certification

Your farm must meet the following requirements to maintain Real Organic Project certification:

- You must maintain your USDA Organic certification.
- You must notify Real Organic Project immediately if you lose your USDA Organic certification or if your certification is revoked, even if it remains in place pending appeal.
- You must notify Real Organic Project, in writing, within 10 business days if you are making any major changes to your operation or growing practices.
- You must notify Real Organic Project, in writing, immediately if you begin to meet the definition of a CAFO, begin growing in container systems, or start producing hydroponically.

If you wish to label a processed product as Real Organic Project certified, you must contact Real Organic Project and receive permission ahead of time. This is true even if the product consists of 100% Real Organic Project ingredients. For the quickest response contact the certifications team at certifications@realorganicproject.org.

Any products you grow that are not certified organic must not be labeled as Real Organic Project certified. Any products you raise that are ineligible to be labeled as Real Organic Project have been listed on your certificate.

To maintain your certification you will have to fill out a short renewal application on an annual basis. You will be required to have an on-farm inspection once every 5 years to maintain your certification.

Please note that if, at any point, your operation violates the rules, standards, or code of conduct of Real Organic Project, we reserve the right to suspend or withdraw your certification. [Please read our standards here](#).

Real Organic Project's independent Standards Board makes revisions to our standards annually; we will notify you after each vote of any changes made.

We are grateful for your participation with Real Organic Project and we look forward to working with you for many years to come.

How to access the Logo

The Real Organic Project logo may be used in either of the following formats.

Alterations to colors and other graphic elements of the logo are prohibited:



To access the logo digitally or order sticker labels, brochures, or other products, please visit our website:

<https://www.store.realorganicproject.org/>

To request image files or other promotional materials by email or phone, contact the certifications team:

certifications@realorganicproject.org, 814-208-8038

To request stickers or an image of the Real Organic Project logo by written mail, send requests to:

Real Organic Project
Attn: Katherine Hayward
PO Box 195 Grand Isle, VT 05458-0195

Logo Usage Policy

When Can the Real Organic Project Logo be Used?

- The Real Organic Project seal may only be used by farms that are currently certified with Real Organic Project.
- Certified farms may only use the seal on products that were approved as part of their most recent application for certification.
- If at any point a farm has its Real Organic Project certification revoked or suspended, they must immediately cease using the seal on all products.
- Third parties (defined as any entity that is not the farm certified by the Real Organic Project) may not use the Real Organic Project seal unless they have received written approval from the Real Organic Project. This is true even if 100% of the product sold by the 3rd party is Real Organic Project certified.

Where Can the Real Organic Project Label be Used?

- Certified farms may, without any pre-approval, display the Real Organic Project seal in a generalized manner not associated with a specific product. For example, a farm does not need pre approval to add the Real Organic Project seal to their farm sign, website or marketing materials.
- Certified farms may, without any pre-approval, display the Real Organic Project seal on packaging for certified raw agricultural products.

Packaged and Processed Products

- Processed products must meet the following criteria in order to be Real Organic Project certified:
 - Be USDA certified organic.
 - Contain a minimum of 90% Real Organic Project certified ingredients by either weight or volume.
- Processed products that do not meet the above criteria may not bear the Real Organic Project logo on their packaging. However, Real Organic Project certified ingredients may be listed as such in the product's ingredient list.
- If a farm wishes to add the Real Organic Project seal to any specific processed and packaged product, they must submit a list of ingredients and a photo of the packaging for pre-approval before using the seal.
- The exception to this policy is for packaging that only includes unmodified raw ingredients. To carry the Real Organic Project seal on a non-processed product, 100% of the product must be Real Organic Project certified.

Product Categories

Product Categories and Definitions

- Real Organic Project defines **processed food** as any raw agricultural commodity that has been subject to milling, chopping, heating, pasteurizing, blanching, cooking, canning, freezing, mixing, or other procedures that alter the food from its natural state. This may include the addition of other ingredients to the food, such as preservatives, flavors, nutrients and other food additives or substances approved for use in food products, such as salt, sugars and fats.
- **Minimally processed food** retains most of its inherent physical, chemical, sensory and nutritional properties. Often its only modifications will involve drying, cleaning or cutting of the product.

Minimally processed products do not meet Real Organic Project definition of “processed products” and therefore do not require additional qualification criteria.

- **Raw agricultural products** are agricultural products that have not been modified in any way after harvesting.

Product Categories - Examples*

Raw Agricultural Products

- raw fruits and vegetables
- eggs
- raw (unpasteurized) milk

Minimally Processed Products

- dried popcorn
- dried herbs
- dried chiles
- hulled nuts or seeds
- maple syrup
- cuts of meat

Processed Products / Foods

- pickled or canned vegetables
- jams and jellies
- dried herb mixes
- milled grains and/or flours
- meat products with added ingredients (such as sausage)
- pasteurized dairy products

*These lists are not exhaustive, but are intended to provide general guidelines for determining a product's category for labeling purposes. These guidelines do not supersede your need to obtain a NOP handling scope as determined by the Strengthening Organic Enforcement (SOE) rule. Please contact us (certifications@realorganicproject.org) if you are unsure of how your farm product(s) should be categorized.