



Quality Welsh Food Certification Ltd (QWFC) – Welsh Organic Scheme

Quality Welsh Food Certification Ltd (QWFC) was set up by the agricultural co-operative movement in Wales to monitor farms and the food supply chain against standards. It is approved by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) to operate under EU Standard EN45011 and by DEFRA as an organic certification body - Welsh Organic (Registered UK No 13). Certification of a holding is also a condition of eligibility for the organic farming support schemes.



Code GB 13

About QWFC and the Welsh Organic Scheme

- Quality Welsh Food Certification Ltd (QWFC) is a certification body for organic farmers and growers in Wales. It provides a service dedicated to Welsh farms and Welsh farmers, focusing on their particular needs and requirements.
- The Welsh Organic Scheme has been set up to

enable Welsh farmers, growers and processors to achieve organic status by conforming to operating standards approved by DEFRA. QWFC monitors the Welsh Organic Scheme and issues certificates of compliance to producers and processors that comply with the standards. QWFC has Welsh speaking inspectors available.

- Producers can use the scheme mark and QWFC logo on their products, marketing literature, and advertising.
- QWFC Certificates of conformity, marks and logos can only be used in relation to activities covered by the Welsh Organic Scheme.

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What sectors of horticulture is the Welsh Organic Scheme suitable for?

- Field crops
- Protected cropping
- Processing.

Currently, QWFC has specific standards for arable crops but not horticulture. They have a number of organic grower licensees.

What assurance categories does the Welsh Organic Scheme cover?

- Food safety and quality
- Environmental protection
- Traceability
- Resource Management
- Creative conservation
- Biodiversity.

Costs of participation

- Cost of membership – £425
- Cost can increase for larger farms
- Audit fees included
- Separate audit for processors.

Prices stated are correct at time of going to press – please check for current prices in case of changes

Further information

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