



Organic Certification Schemes – Organic Farmers & Growers

Organic Farmers & Growers (OF&G) is a leading UK organic control body. It operates across Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as well as the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. OF&G is one of the control bodies approved by DEFRA. All food products sold as organic must by law comply with National and European standards. Certification of a holding is also a condition of eligibility for the organic farming support schemes.



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About Organic Farmers & Growers

- OF&G is one of the UK's largest organic control bodies.
- OF&G work in partnership with Acoura, who are independent inspection specialists.
- OF&G inspect and certify more than 250,000 hectares of organic or in-conversion land, as well as food processing and other organic enterprises.

- Each OF&G licensee is assigned a certification officer who is their main point of contact
- OF&G offers the opportunity to combine organic inspections with other key certification programmes, including BRC or Farm Assured Produce, as well as certification of [anaerobic digestion](#) outputs to PAS 110 and the Quality Digestate Protocol and [composting certification](#) to PAS 100 and the Compost Quality Protocol (see further information).

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What sectors of horticulture is the scheme suitable for?

- Field crops
- Protected cropping
- Food processing.

What assurance categories does the Organic Farmers and Growers Certification scheme cover?

- Food safety and quality,
- Environmental protection
- Traceability
- Transport
- Production quality.

Costs of participation

- Licensing costs vary and growers are advised to check the OF&G website for the up-to-date prices.

Application to OF&G

- **All crop producers** (arable, field vegetables and horticulture) must complete an Application form, a Producer Conversion form, a General Information form, an All Crops form plus any additional sections relevant to your business. All applicants must also complete a Declaration and Licensing Agreement.

Further information

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Farm Assurance website: www.redtractorassurance.org.uk (Information sheet available from Horticulture Wales)

British Retail Consortium (BRC) website: www.brcglobalstandard.com (Information sheet available from Horticulture Wales)

BSI Publically Available Specification (PAS) 110 covers all anaerobic digestion systems (AD); and PAS 100 is for compost materials. Both schemes are operated by WRAP www.wrap.org.uk

For details of other quality assurance schemes and British standards please contact Horticulture Wales.
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