Our certification means

- No GMOs
- No synthetic chemicals
- From a local farmer
- Not a corporate conglomerate
- Rooted in community

Get certified!

CNGfarming.org
F.A.Q.

How is CNG similar to Organic?
CNG farms are managed to foster ecological balance. Our standards require a firm commitment to farming without synthetic chemicals or GMOs.

How is CNG different than Certified Organic?
CNG is specifically for community-based farms selling in local markets, not agribusiness operations supplying wholesalers.

CNG inspections are peer reviews carried out by fellow farmers and others in the community. Our participatory approach is built on a foundation of trust and direct relationships that supports learning and networking.

CNG requires less paperwork and lower fees than organic certification.

Why would I want to join CNG?
- show your pride in not using synthetic chemicals or GMOs
- access better markets
- gain customer trust by verifying your claims
- network and learn from experienced farmers
- be part of a like-minded community

Process and Fees

How much does it cost?
We recommend $200 or more, but members have the option to pay less. We’ve set up a Grassroots Fund for new farmers. Find details at CNGfarming.org/waiver.

Is there a deadline to apply?
No, we accept applications any time, but we recommend getting started when things aren’t too hectic, typically in winter.

How long does it take to get certified?
You’ll hear from us within 1-2 weeks after submitting your application. The rest depends on how quickly you return your dues and Declaration, and arrange an inspection at your farm. The whole process can take less than a month!

How does the peer inspection work?
Inspections are typically carried out by other CNG producers. Detailed inspection worksheets guide the process of verifying certification standards are being met. The completed report is signed by both the farmer and inspector before being returned to CNG, where it is reviewed. Approved reports are posted to the farm’s profile on the CNG website.
Join CNG!

Take these steps to join Certified Naturally Grown

1. **Apply Online**  
   Tell us about how you farm

2. **Return Declaration & Dues**  
   $200 or more per year recommended

3. **Get Inspected**  
   During the growing season

Get started at CNGfarming.org

Nearly 800 farms in 47 states are CNG certified

Find all CNG farms on our searchable map!

**Certification Types**

Questions? Call us!  
845-687-2058
Our CNG certification reinforces our commitment to transparency and integrity on our farm. Our customers appreciate it and we value being part of a larger movement that makes small farms stronger and more visible.

Casey McAuliffe
Moon Dog Farm
Santa Fe, TX

I joined CNG because it’s a community-based certification for local farms. That means a lot to me.

Addis Bugg
Bugg Farm
Pine Mountain, GA

CNG is the perfect match for us, as full time farmers with high standards, direct marketing the vegetables that we grow. We love CNG!

Janet Aardema
Brodfork Farm
Moseley, VA

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