

**Certified Naturally Grown**  
**Supplemental Inspection Questions for Microgreens Producers**  
(To supplement CNG Produce Inspection Worksheets)

Farm Inspected \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Inspection \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Inspector \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation of Inspector (farm name, extension, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

*Microgreens are crops that germinate and grow in a soil medium, while sprouts are grown without a soil medium. We define soil as, "Organic matter that is rich in plant-available nutrients that can sustain life with no additional inputs."*

Which are grown in this operation?  Microgreens  Sprouts  Both

1. Microgreens Questions

- a. What is used as a growing medium? what's the product/s name, and/or what are the ingredients of the mix?
- b. Does the growing medium contain a wetting agent? If so, what is it? (If it's not Yucca, then it's most likely a synthetic wetting agent and may not be used in a CNG operation.)
- c. Does the growing medium contain any fertilizers? If so, which? (if synthetic, such ammoniacal nitrogen, potassium chloride, synthetic nitrates, synthetic phosphates, urea and uric acid, they're not allowed on CNG operations)
- d. Are all the seeds used either Certified Naturally Grown or certified organic?
- e. If some of the seeds are conventional, did the grower consult at least three major organic seed suppliers before opting to purchase conventional seed? Which suppliers?

2. Sprout Questions

- a. Does the producer have test results or a copy of municipal water testing results from the last 12 months?
- b. Does the municipal water contain chlorine or chloramine? If so, how are they removed?
- c. Seeds used for sprouts always must be certified organic or Certified Naturally Grown. Is this the case? If not, which crops are grown without organic seeds? Is the grower willing to switch to organic seeds in order to maintain their CNG certification?

3. Maintaining good hygiene with microgreens and sprouts is essential.

- a. Is the medium sterile, the water source clean, and the air well-circulated?
- b. Is there a CNG-compliant plan in place for pest and disease issues now or in the future? Briefly describe the mechanisms below: