
PNS 100

Understanding Organic Standards and Certification Requirements

Every 2nd and Last Friday of the Month
9:00 AM– 5:00 PM

Overview

Having trouble understanding the requirements for organic certification? If so, you're not alone! This overview is intended to provide an understandable introduction to the Philippine National Standard for Organic Agriculture and certification requirements.

The Philippine National Standard for Organic Agriculture was initially developed by the Organic Certification Center of the Philippines (OCCP) and was adopted by the Department of Agriculture Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Product Standards (DA- BAFPS) after a series of public consultation. The Organic Standard was approved in 2003. In 2010 the Organic Agriculture Act (RA 10068) was signed by President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo which further strengthens the legitimacy of the PNS for Organic Agriculture. Furthermore, this Act also stipulates that Organic Certification is a mandatory certification. This means that an organic producer who claims that the product is organic must be certified. Under the regulation, any agricultural product can be produced using organic methods. The PNS covers all agricultural products labeled and sold as "organic" or "organically produced". The rule covers organic inputs, crops, animal husbandry, processors, handlers or traders. Parts of the regulation even apply to retailers. As an organic operator, it is good for you to understand the requirements, since these may affect parts of your operation.

Goals

After the Seminar the participants are expected to:

1. Know why they need Organic Certification
2. Leveled off in understanding the PNS on Organic Agriculture
3. Know the requirements for Organic Certification

Who can attend

The seminar is designed to achieve a common level of understanding on the Philippine National Standard for Organic Agriculture and impart the Certification Requirements of OCCP. In this regard the following are cordially invited to attend the seminar:

1. Producers who plan to apply for organic certification
2. Producers who are in the process of organic certification
3. Key people or Focal Persons from the Local Government Units
4. Key people or Focal Persons from the Government Agencies especially those handling organic agriculture projects.
5. People from the Academe such as professors and students

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Materials

The seminar kit will have the following:

1. Philippine National Standard for Organic Agriculture
2. Republic Act 10068 and its IRR
3. OCCP Certification Requirements and Forms

Seminar Schedule

Morning

- OCCP as an Organization
 - Organic Agriculture and its Principles
 - Republic Act 10068
 - Philippine National Standard for Organic Agriculture
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Lunch

Afternoon

- OCCP Certification Requirements
- Certification Subsidy
- Organic Product Registration
- Open Forum

