



SELLING COMPOST TO CERTIFIED ORGANIC FARMS: THE IMPACT OF CA AB 856

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- CCOF is a nonprofit organization founded in 1973 and is one of the oldest and largest organic certification agencies in North America. We represent more than 2300 certified organic producers and processors as well as 350 supporting members, in 35 states and in 3 other countries.



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- Under the NOP CCOF is allowed but not required to recognize third party reviewers. CCOF takes ultimate responsibility for the decisions of any entity we recognize. We base our recognition of third party reviewers in part on 4 areas.



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- A qualified and rigorous review program
- An online or easily available database of listed materials
- A proven track record
- Adequate and effective systems for removing materials and notifying certifiers



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- Currently CCOF Certification Services does not recognize CDFA as a third party materials reviewer under the NOP's allowance for certifiers to do so.
- For CCOF's clients, all materials may only be used when reviewed by the certifier and in the context of the operation's OSP.



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- Questions for CCOF remain.
- Will we recognize CDFA's material list?
- Does a CDFA listing mean that we must require the use of that material?
- NOP provides our guidance.
- We want to work with all entities involved.
- We want our clients to have access to approved and efficacious materials.



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