Our Certification Means

No GMOs
No synthetic chemicals
From a local farmer
Not a corporate conglomerate
Rooted in community
How is CNG similar to Organic?
CNG farms are managed to foster biodiversity and ecological balance and 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 large 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 join CNG?
- access better markets
- gain customer trust by verifying your claims
- show pride in farming without synthetic chemicals
- network and learn from experienced farmers
- be a 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 option to pay less or in monthly installments. We've set up a Grassroots Fund for farmers for farmers in need.

Is there a deadline to apply?
No, we accept applications any time.

How long does it take to get certified?
You’ll hear from us within 10 days after submitting your application, which likely won’t take longer than half an hour to fill out. 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 typically are 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!

Just 3 Steps

1. Apply Online
   Tell us about how you farm

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

3. Get Inspected
   During the growing season

Get started at CNGfarming.org

CNG Farms Are in 47 States

Find one near you at CNGfarming.org/map

Certification Types

Questions? Call us!
845-262-2551
“CNG is so much more than just a label. The peer to peer inspections are amazing, we are constantly learning and sharing knowledge. CNG is made for small scale, values-driven farmers like us.”

Josephine Alexander, Tubby Creek Farm
Ashland, MS

“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, Broadfork Farm
Moseley, VA

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