

The Issues with the National Organic Program
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Abstract

The National Organic Program was developed to help consumers gain confidence in the goods they were buying, and to give farmers recognition for their efforts to support pesticide-free growing. Despite these good intentions, the way by which farmers are expected to go about certification is highly flawed. Rather than going through with certific

Figure 1:

Figure 3: Certified Naturally Grown farm in Northford, CT

The alternative he found was Certified Naturally Grown (CNG). While this program encompassed all the strict requirements of the National Organic Program, it had

