

**MICHIGAN ORGANIC PRODUCTS ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 316 of 2000**

**286.907 Definitions; M to P.**

Sec. 7.

As used in this act:

(a) "Michigan organic standards" means those organic production and handling standards defined by this act, rules adopted under this act, or both, that are designed to combine organic production or handling practices and an audit trail that will ensure the integrity of organic products from the producer to the consumer.

(b) "Organic" means a labeling term referring to an agricultural product produced in accordance with the standards described in this act, rules adopted under this act, or both.

(c) "Organic advisory committee" means the committee created under section 25.

(d) "Organic agriculture" means an agricultural management system that enhances biodiversity, biological cycles, and soil biological activity to produce healthy plants and animals and fosters human and environmental health. Organic agriculture does not include the use of synthetic chemicals, genetically modified organisms, sewage sludge, and ionizing radiation, or any combination of those substances.

(e) "Organic plan" means a plan of management of an organic production or handling operation that has been agreed to by the producer or handler and the certifying agent and that includes written plans concerning all aspects of agricultural production and handling as described in this act, rules adopted under this act, or both.

(f) "Organic product" means agricultural products including, but not limited to, crops, livestock, livestock products, or other agricultural products that are produced organically for human or livestock use or consumption. Organic products does not include personal care products.

(g) "Person" means an individual, group of individuals, contractor, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, cooperative, community supported agricultural entity, or any other legal entity.

(h) "Processing" means processes that include, but are not limited to, cooking, baking, heating, drying, mixing, grinding, churning, separating, extracting, cutting, fermenting, eviscerating, preserving, dehydrating, freezing, or other manufacturing process and includes the packaging, canning, jarring, or otherwise enclosing of food in a container.

(i) "Producer" means a person who engages in the business of growing or producing agricultural products.

(j) "Prohibited substance" means a substance whose use in any aspect of organic production or handling is prohibited or not provided for under this act, rules adopted under this act, or both.

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