



### How do I get my farm certified?

Pierce County farms have a long tradition of sustainable farming practices. If you are interested in a type of certification, or just want more information, please visit the links below.

#### [Certified Naturally Grown](#)

Certified Naturally Grown farmers and beekeepers share a commitment to work within the natural biological cycles that are necessary for a truly sustainable farming system - a system that works in harmony with the soil, plants, animals, and pollinators. Certified Naturally Grown offers certification for various types of operations including crops, honey, livestock, and eggs.  
<https://www.naturallygrown.org/>

#### [Salmon-Safe](#)

Salmon-Safe offers a series of peer-reviewed certification programs linking land management practices with the protection of agricultural and urban watersheds. Salmon-Safe has various certification programs for site design and development including farms, vineyards, large-scale residential development, parks, golf courses, and large-scale construction projects.  
<http://www.salmonsafe.org/>

#### [Tilth Producers of Washington](#)

The Tilth Producers of Washington website has extensive resources related to organic farming, including a directory of farmers, a quarterly newsletter, and useful links. The site has information about the various organic certifications and they are active in the development of standards and policies.  
<http://tilthproducers.org/>

#### [USDA Agricultural Marketing Service – National Organic Program](#)

The National Organic Program ensures the integrity of the U.S. Department of Agriculture organic products in the U.S. and provides guidance on regulations certification, production, handling, and labeling of U.S. Department of Agriculture organic products. You can find information on organic standards and certification.  
<https://www.ams.usda.gov/about-ams/programs-offices/national-organic-program>





### [Washington State Department of Agriculture - Organic Food Program](#)

The Washington State Department of Agriculture Organic Food Program is a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) accredited certifier. The role of Washington State Department of Agriculture is to uphold the integrity of the organic label through certification and inspection of local organic crops, livestock producers, processors, handlers and retailers. This site features information on organic livestock production, crop production, and processing and handling.  
<http://agr.wa.gov/FoodAnimal/Organic>

### [Washington State Department of Agriculture - Good Agricultural and Good Handling Practices](#)

Washington State Department of Agriculture offers fruit and vegetable growers, producers, and shippers an auditing service throughout the food chain to verify that best practices are being followed using U.S. Department of Agriculture's Good Agricultural and Good Handling Practices Audit Program (GAP/GHP). View the USDA's GAP/GHP Practices PDF [here](#).  
<http://www.ams.usda.gov/>

### [Washington State University Extension](#)

Washington State University Extension offers information on organic food, wine, livestock, vegetables, and small grains. They also have educational resources and useful research for organic farmers.  
<https://extension.wsu.edu/>

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