

No. Our growers range from those who have gone through the USDA organic certification process and can legally call their farms and produce "organic"*, to those growers who offer "naturally grown" produce and are not federally certified, to still other growers who use conventional growing methods that include the sparing use of pesticides and/or chemical fertilizers. The market leaves it to each grower to explain his or her growing practices to customers. Feel free to ask farmers how they grow their crops. It's one of the many advantages of buying produce at a growers-only farmers market where you buy directly from the local farmers who grew your food. Check out our vendors page which identifies those vendors who have USDA organic certification.

* The US Department of Agriculture enacted standards applying to the use of the word "organic" in produce and other products. This means many of our growers who have always grown organically cannot legally call their produce or farms organic unless federally certified as such. Getting USDA certified as organic is a lengthy and expensive process that has been prohibitive for many of the small farmers and backyard growers who sell at our market.