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The Accredited Certifiers Association Code of Conduct

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Members of the Accredited Certifiers Association:

- support and encourage the development, and advancement of organic agriculture and processing;
- maintain the highest possible standards of integrity by avoiding situations of conflict of interest;
- work together to provide consistent implementation of the National Organic Standards by sharing information pertaining to policies and procedures and in the development of guidance documents;
- exchange information in a timely manner with the relevant certification agency regarding issues such as private label verification or detection of residues or in cases of suspected fraud;
- abide by ethical and transparent business practices in all of their activities, including full disclosure of board members, owners or responsible governing officials
- provide information to other ACAs on noncompliances and / or adverse actions as per the National Organic Program Recommendation on Disclosure of Information Concerning Operations Certified under the National Organic Program. Provide to the general public confirmation of the existence of noncompliances or adverse actions upon request.
- work together in support of the greater good of organic agriculture and hold this paramount in their decision making.

USDA-accredited certifying agents working together to ensure the integrity of organic certification in the United States