

A photograph of a vast organic field with rows of young green plants stretching into the distance under a bright sky. A dark green, semi-transparent shape is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the main title.

So you want to be a certifier?

About ACA

The Accredited Certifiers Association (ACA) is committed to helping increase the number of organic certification and inspection professionals to ensure consistent implementation of USDA Organic Regulations through collaboration and education of accredited certification agencies.

Who Offers Accreditation?

ACA does not provide accreditation. Accreditation for certifiers is only available through the USDA [National Organic Program](#).

If you are interested in finding a consultant to guide you through the process of becoming an accredited certifier, the ACA has several certifiers within its membership. These can be found on the [ACA Members Page](#).

After You're Accredited

Once accredited, certifiers are welcome to join ACA at any time. Membership information can be found [here](#).

ACA offers support to certifiers in multiple ways. Throughout the year, we provide a variety of online education events in the form of self-paced courses, lunch and learns, and online forums.

Our annual conference takes place at the end of January and provides opportunities to hear directly from the National Organic Program, colleagues, and other certification professionals. This conference is generally attended by managerial-level certification professionals. We also host an online conference in the spring that is an excellent opportunity for professional development for certification staff.

Through working groups, certifiers are able to voice their opinions and concerns about industry issues as well as craft policies to ensure consistency in the organic industry.

You may also consider consulting the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service [Organic Integrity Learning Database](#) for training information.