



NEW YORK STATE GROWN & CERTIFIED Fresh Produce Application

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The New York State Grown & Certified program makes it easy for consumers to identify local, safely handled, and environmentally responsible agricultural products. This voluntary program is a cooperative effort among producers, processors, wholesalers, retailers, restaurants, and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets to meet consumer demand for high-quality food and agricultural products.

Produce and fruit growers are eligible to participate in New York State Grown & Certified if they adhere to best practices in food handling and operate in an environmentally responsible manner as described in the Program Requirements. Upon acceptance to the New York State Grown & Certified program and submission of a signed trademark licensing agreement, program participants will be able to display a new high-impact label that will clearly stand out and tell the consuming public their food handling practices are audited and certified and they operate their farms in an environmentally responsible manner.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- **Applicability.** All products marketed under the New York State Grown & Certified seal must be grown in New York State;
- **Safe Food Handling.** Successful participation in a food safety or safe food handling program that includes an annual on-site audit. Acceptable certification may include USDA Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) or Good Handling Practices (GHP) certification or another third-party food handling practices program with annual audits deemed GAP- or GHP-equivalent by the Commissioner;
- **Environmental Stewardship.** Participation in the New York State Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) program, administered by the Department of Agriculture and Markets, with the completion of Tier 2 of the program (or higher) within three years of admission into the New York State Grown & Certified program.

SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

BUSINESS NAME _____

FARM NAME/DBA (if different from business name) _____

CONTACT PERSON(S)	TITLE		
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BUSINESS ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
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PHONE NUMBER(S)	COUNTY	ACRES OF LAND
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MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)	CITY	STATE	ZIP
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EMAIL	WEBSITE
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Please provide a brief description of your business and/or products for potential buyers/customers. This information will be listed on agriculture.ny.gov to help promote your farm/business. (Attach a separate sheet if necessary.)

Methods of Sale for Produce:

- On-Farm Sales Pick-Your-Own Operation Wholesale Retail
- NY State Farmers Market _____
- Community-Based Farmers Market/Local Market _____

SECTION 2: REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Safe Food Handling Program Documentation

Please include a copy of the documentation demonstrating a satisfactory passing assessment in a food safety or safe food handling program that includes an annual on-site audit, such as a USDA Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), Global/Group GAP or Good Handling Practices (GHP) certification or another third-party food handling practices program with annual audits deemed GAP- or GHP-equivalent by the Commissioner.

Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) Participation

Please attach a copy of your Environmental Stewardship Verification Cover Form, dated within the past three years. To obtain a copy, contact your county [Soil and Water Conservation District](#).

Trademark Licensing Agreement

A signed licensing agreement must be on file with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets prior to use of the trademarked logos or slogans. Any unapproved use of these materials may result in liability under federal trademark laws.

SECTION 3: TERMS AND AGREEMENTS

I understand that any false statement made in this application, in addition to being the possible basis for termination of participation in the New York State Grown & Certified program and the Trademark Licensing Agreement, may be punishable under the provisions of Section 210.45 of the Penal Law of the State of New York.

I understand that as a participant in the New York State Grown & Certified program, my business will be identified as a program participant on the New York State Grown & Certified website unless I notify the department in writing that I do not want the business identified on the site.

SIGNATURE

DATE

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO
THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

New York State Department of Agriculture
ATTN: Division of Agricultural Development
10B Airline Drive
Albany, NY 12235
NYSGrownandCertified@agriculture.ny.gov