



NEW YORK STATE GROWN & CERTIFIED Shellfish 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.

Shellfish producers 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 certification. Acceptable certification may include Shellfish Diggers Permit, Shellfish Diggers and D Shippers Permit and Shellfish Dealers Permit. Requires that shellfish farmers adhere to HACCP Plans and *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* (Vp) Control Plans. Compliance with all federal, state and local regulations is required. NYSDEC area closures must be observed.
- **Environmental Stewardship.** Compliance with NYSDEC permitting requirements for stocking of culture gear, cultivation, harvesting and selling of raw shellfish. This includes shellfish bed permits, on/off bottom culture permit, digger/dealer/shipper permits. Participants must have a valid State, County, or township lease of shellfish beds, or valid deed to privately owned underwater beds.

SECTION 1: APPLICANT INFORMATION

 BUSINESS NAME

 FARM NAME/DBA (if different from business name)

 CONTACT PERSON(S) TITLE

 BUSINESS ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP

 PHONE NUMBER(S) COUNTY ACRES HARVESTED

 MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE) CITY STATE ZIP

 EMAIL WEBSITE

- Oysters Clams Mussels Scallops

Please briefly describe how you market your shellfish:

SECTION 2: REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- NYSDEC On/Off Bottom Culture Permit. Please provide copy.
- NYSDEC Permits, as applicable.
 - Class A- Shellfish shipper
 - Class B- Shellfish processor
 - Class C- Shellfish re-shipper
 - Class D- Shellfish digger/shipper
 - Class E- Bay Scallop shucker/packer
- Importation Permit (if seed is obtained from another state)
- HACCP Training Certificate (shippers/dealers), if applicable.
- State, County, Township Lease of underwater beds; Deed for privately owned underwater rights.
- Attestation of written HACCP plan, if required by your permit.
- Attestation of a written control plan, if required by NYSDEC permit.
- 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
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10B Airline Drive
Albany, NY 12235
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