

TO BE RESCINDED

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Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- (A) "Organic" means any naturally occurring carbonaceous compound, substance or material which is nonsynthetically derived, treated or processed and is used before, during and after any stage of agricultural commodity production, storage, processing, transportation or distribution.
- (B) "Synthetic" or "artificial" means the chemical formulation or synthesis of molecules, elements, compounds or manufactured substances, rather than the presence or assimilation of molecules, elements, compounds or substances which are in a natural state.
- (C) "Food" or "feed" means any article or substance normally intended to be consumed or ingested by humans or animals for physical sustenance and health.
- (D) "Organic food" or "feed" means any agricultural article, commodity, product or ingredient which has been produced under an agronomic system which utilizes environmental and ecological management principles, which include: the recycling of plant or animal organic matter, crop rotations, minimum and shallow soil tillage, balanced minerals and the production of humus within soil, mechanical cultivation and/or biological or botanical pest control; three growing and harvesting seasons within the application or use of any synthetic fertilizers, synthetic pesticides, and synthetic soil or plant amendments; and retains such identity commercially by being stored, processed, transported and distributed without the use of synthetic preservatives, artificial flavoring, color additives or irradiation.
- (E) "Certification" means the verification of authentic organic practices in the production or processing of organic food or feed; and is an annual process by which the producer or processor of fresh, wholesale or retail organic food or feed receives written certification from a bona fide certifying organic organization, business, firm or individual; that through the on-site inspection of the production, storage, processing, transportation, distribution and required audit trail practices used by an organic producer or processor, consumers are assured that organic food or feed is produced and processed in compliance with rule 901:3-8-02 of the Administrative Code. For purposes of complying with rule 901:3-8-02 of the Administrative Code, certification does not require membership in nor imply a contractual agreement to produce or process organic food or feed for a bona fide certifying organic organization, business, firm or individual.
- (F) "Bona fide" means any certifying organic organization, business, firm or individual which has standards for certification of organic food or feed production or

processing. Such organic standards must: meet or exceed rule 901:3-8-02 of the Administrative Code; be approved in writing by the director; and include the use of impartial third party certifying inspectors.

- (G) "Toxin" means any compound, chemical, drug, or radiological agent which is present in an amount sufficient to directly or indirectly cause measurably adverse effects upon microbial life, plant, animal or human health.
- (H) "Drug" means any medication, antibiotic, hormone, stimulant or synthetic feed additive which is injected, implanted or ingested for the prevention, treatment, mitigation, cure or diagnosis of disease or pathogens in animals, or for the intended purpose of affecting the function or structure of an animal.
- (I) "Pesticide" means any substance or mixture of substances which is intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating a plant or nonplant pest; or any substance or mixture of substances intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant, or desiccant.
- (J) "Fertilizer" means any substance containing nitrogen, phosphorous, or potassium or any recognized plant nutrient element or compound that is used for its plant nutrient content or for compounding mixed fertilizers.
- (K) "Organic fertilizer" means any substance composed of animal or vegetable matter used alone or in combination with one or more nonsynthetically derived elements or compounds which are used for soil fertility and plant growth. The matter may not be mixed with any synthetic materials or chemicals, changed in any physical or chemical manner except by physical manipulation such as drying, cooking, chopping, grinding, shredding or pelleting. The matter may be subjected to a biological degradation process under normal conditions of aging, rainfall, sun, curing, air drying, composting, rotting, enzymatic, aerobic or anaerobic bacterial action or any combination of these.
- (L) "Plant amendment" means an inoculant or foliar substance applied to seeds or plants which is intended to facilitate nitrogen fixation, germination, growth, yield, product quality, reproduction, flavor, or other desirable characteristics of plants.
- (M) "Soil amendment" means an aggregate, additive, or microbiological substance which is a naturally occurring substance, a nonsynthetically modified natural substance, or a nontoxic manufacturing by-product which is represented as having the primary function of forming or stabilizing soil aggregates and thereby improving the biological process in the soil, the pH or mineral level of the soil, or the resistance of the soil to the slaking action of water, increasing its water and air permeability, improving the resistance of the surface to crusting, improving its ease of

cultivation, or otherwise favorably modifying its structural or physical properties.

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