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Organic Tea, Exactly What is Organic

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What exactly determines if a product is grown organically?

In 1990, Congress passed the Organic Food Production Act (OFPA) requiring the U.S. Department  
The regulations further state that farms, or handling facilities may not use any of the follow

- ^Genetic Engineering
- ^Ionizing Radiation
- ^Sewage Sludge

Organic crops must be grown without the use of;

- ^Most conventional pesticides
- ^Petroleum based fertilizers
- ^Sewage sludge-based fertilizers

How are imported organic products regulated?

- ^The USDA is required by OFPA to review the certification programs under which imported organi
- ^Certifying agents in foreign countries must apply for USDA certification.
- ^In lieu of USDA certification, foreign governments can assess and accredit certifying agents,
- ^An equivalency agreement negotiated between the US and a country's government may also be use

What are ^organic~ labeling standards?

Organic labeling is the simplest part of the certification process and the aspect that is most

- ^Products labeled ^100 % organic~ must contain only organically produced ingredients.
- ^Products labeled ^organic~ must consist of at least 95% organically produced ingredients.
- ^Both may display the USDA Organic Seal.

^Processed products that contain at least 70% organic ingredients can only use the phrase ^mad

^Processed products that contain less than 70% organic ingredients cannot use the term ^organi

So what does all this mean to US tea consumers? Since tea is grown outside of the US certifica

Converting gardens and estates to organic farming is a costly and lengthy process and sometime

Quality, from a taste perspective, has been an issue with organic teas. Gardens converting to

As an importer and supplier of premium teas one of our major responsibilities is knowing the p

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