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***Agricultural Marketing Service
Transportation and Marketing Programs
National Organic Program***

NZ, UK, and Quebec May Certify to USDA Organic Standards

January 16, 2003—The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service has officially recognized that the conformity assessment programs of New Zealand, the United Kingdom, and Quebec are sufficient to ensure conformity to the technical standards of USDA's National Organic Program (NOP).

This recognition agreement allows organic certifying agents in good standing (as determined by their respective governments) to certify agricultural products to NOP standards and that these products can be sold in the United States as organic. Certification organizations under the purview of these governments no longer need to be accredited directly by USDA.

For more information and a list of certifying agents in good standing, please visit our website at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/NOP/Trade.html>.

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