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## Approved Standards for ROC Baseline Requirements

To apply for the Regenerative Organic Certification, your organization must hold, at minimum each of the following:

1.



USDA Organic certification (or an international standard recognized as equivalent by the National Organic Program)\*

\*Operations that apply under an equivalence agreement with NOP (i.e. a recognized international organic standard), must abide by any exceptions, limitations and additional requirements applicable to that equivalence arrangement.

2.



One certification in each of the Animal Welfare\*\* and Social Fairness Pillars from the list below

\*\* If applicable. Organizations that do not sell commercial animal products may not be required to achieve Animal Welfare certification for ROC. Consult the program documents or contact ROA to confirm your certification requirements.

### The Three Pillars of Regenerative Organic Certification

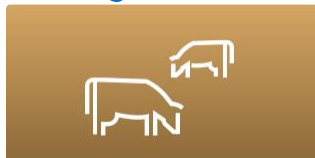


#### Soil Health

Approved equivalents to USDA Organic program for Soil Health baseline requirement\*

- [European Union Organic](#)
- [Canadian Organic Regime](#)
- [Japanese Agricultural Standards](#)
- [Korean Food Code](#)  
*Available for processed goods only.*
- [Swiss Organic Ordinances](#)
- [Naturland Standards on Production](#)

\*Note that the NOP includes recognition agreements for USDA Organic certified product grown in Israel, New Zealand, India, and Mexico.



#### Animal Welfare

Possible certifications for Animal Welfare baseline requirement

- [Demeter Biodynamic Farm Standard](#)
- [Global Animal Partnership \(GAP\) Step 4 - or higher](#)
- [Animal Welfare Approved](#)
- [Certified Humane](#)



#### Social Fairness

Possible certifications for Social Fairness baseline requirement

- [Naturland Standards on Production](#)
- [Agricultural Justice Project](#)
- [Naturland Fair Standards](#)
- [Fair Trade USA](#)
- [Fair Trade International](#)
- [Small Producer Symbol](#)
- [Fair for Life](#)
- [Equitable Food Initiative](#)
- [World Fair Trade Organization](#)

*Other Soil Health standards and certification programs, such as Demeter Biodynamic, are optional for ROC. However, these may be eligible for partial equivalency status to help you fulfill additional ROC Soil Health requirements. You can see a list of recognized standards on the ROA website.*

The Regenerative Organic Alliance will continue to update this list as existing certification programs evolve and new standards emerge. If you believe you hold a certification that should be eligible for ROC equivalency, contact [info@regenorganic.org](mailto:info@regenorganic.org).