From humble beginnings with a volunteer committee of farmers, in 1981 we certified our first dozen farms. Since then, OEFFA Certification has grown to be one of the nation’s oldest, largest, and most respected organic certifiers, now offering services to farms in a 12-state region.

MORE THAN JUST CERTIFICATION

By certifying with us, you also gain access to the resources of our sister organization, the Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association, which provides education and technical assistance to organic farmers. Dedicated staff are available to help with production, marketing, and certification challenges. If you need help, we’re just a phone call or email away.

THE OEFFA ADVANTAGE

All certifiers are required to apply the same standards for organic certification, which are established by the USDA National Organic Program. What sets OEFFA Certification apart is the OEFFA Advantage:

Before you choose your certifier, find out if they offer all of these advantages.

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FROM TRANSITION TO MARKET

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We can also put you in touch with other farmers, farmers who’ve been there and are happy to share what they’ve learned along the way. It’s always been part of OEFFA’s culture that farmers teach other farmers.

From the mouths of our customers:

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PRASE FOR OEFFA

As OEFFA, we don’t usually like to toot our own horn, but we proudly share some comments our clients have made about us:

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