

Telangana State Organic Certification Authority

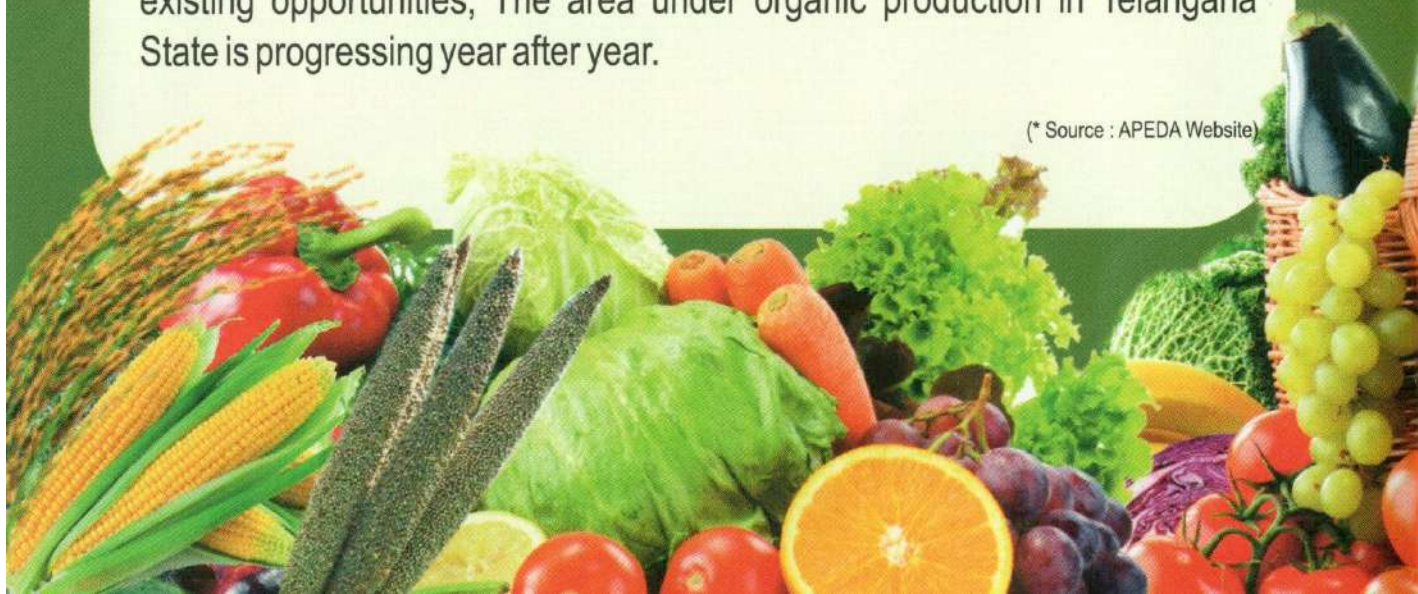
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Organic farming is a system of agriculture which avoids the use of synthetic fertilizers for sustainable agriculture which minimizes environmental pollution, reduces health hazards and improves soil health. Organic farming aims at sustainable development of food production alongside conservation of finite resources and protection of natural environment so that the needs of people living today can be met without compromising the ability of future generation to meet their own needs.

As on 31st March 2021 total area under organic certification process (registered under National Programme for Organic Production) is 4339184.93 ha* (2020-21). This includes 2657889.33 ha* cultivable area and another 1681295.61 ha* for wild harvest collection. India produced around 3496800.34 MT* (2020-21) of certified organic products which includes all varieties of food products namely Oil Seeds, fibre, Sugar cane, Cereals & Millets, Cotton, Pulses, Aromatic & Medicinal Plants, Tea, Coffee, Fruits, Spices, Dry Fruits, Vegetables, Processed foods etc. The production is not limited to the edible sector but also produces organic cotton fiber, functional food products etc.

The Telangana State is blessed with diverse climatic conditions such as a balanced composition of cool and dry weather around the year, existence of different types of soils, natural vegetation and farmers who are hard working and innovative mind and thus possess unlimited possibilities for adoption of organic farming practices without affecting the present food grain production. The state is having full potential to adopt organic agriculture and Govt. of Telangana State is planning carefully to exploit the existing opportunities, The area under organic production in Telangana State is progressing year after year.

(* Source : APEDA Website)



In this connection, the Govt. of Telangana established TSOCA for organic certification by adoption the National Standards of Organic Production (NSOP) under National programme for Organic Production (NPOP) and PGS India Guidelines through PGS India programme

The Govt. of Telangana is also promoting the Organic cultivation and coming with a new state Organic policy with an aim to strengthen the production systems, supply chain and marketing systems by creating an enabling environment, required infrastructure, regulations and providing necessary incentives and support.

Thus TSOCA is working towards quality assurance initiative, intended to assure quality, prevent fraud and to promote commerce, based on set of standards and ethics.

The Telangana State Organic Certification Authority is providing the following services:

NPOP

1. Crop Production (Agriculture, Horticulture and Plantation Crops)
2. Organic Inputs (Bio-fertilizers) approval

PGS-INDIA Programme

1. Individual producer
2. Group Certification
3. Large area Certification

Telangana State Organic Certification is rendering services at a minimum cost. The charges levied are Rs. 1960/- for one acre and Rs. 2200/- for maximum extent of 25 acres respectively.

Conversation Period: During conversation period all the produce will be sold as Organic.

- Annual & biennial crops: 2 years
- Perennial plantations: 3 years

Issue of certificates: TSOCA will issue two different kinds of certificates.

- 1) **Scope certificate:** A certificate issued to operator annually for their specific activity in terms of Production, Processing and Trading.
 - 2) **Transaction certificate:** A certificate issued to operator for every sale of his product to the buyer.
- ◆ The validity of scope and transaction certificate is one year.

Fee Structure for Organic Certification

Crop Production

(Farm Units / Individuals / Grower Groups)

List	Area	Rupees
Application	-	100
Registration	Small: <25 acres	250
	Medium: 26-50 acres	500
	Large: >50 acres	1500
Inspection	-	1500 per man day
Certification	-	10 per acre
Testing Charges	-	100

Input Approval

(Manufacturers / Exporters / Importers)

List	Rupees
Application	100
Registration	2500
Inspection	1500 per man day
Certification	5000
Testing Charges	100

- Scope certificate : Rs. 1000/-
- Transaction certificate : Rs. 500
- Renewal Registration Fee will be 75% of the initial registration charges

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