

Organic Regulation Comparisons

Foreign Flour Imports VS. U.S. Department of Agriculture

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| ORGANIC GRAIN CROP STANDARDS | | | | |
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| Quality-Control Standards | FFI Grain Crops (FFI Organic Standards) | | USDA Grain Crops (USDA Organic Standards) | |
| 1. Genetically Cell-Fused Organisms (GCFOs) | Not Allowed | Excellent | Some Allowed | Poor |
| 2. Genetically Induced-Mutation Organisms (GIMOs) | Not Allowed | Excellent | Yes Allowed | Poor |
| 3. Minimum distance from GEO farmlands | 100 Miles | Excellent | Unspecified | Poor |
| 4. Minimum distance from synthetic pesticide farmlands | 25 Miles | Excellent | Unspecified | Poor |
| 5. Parts per billion synthetic pesticide max. contamination | Zero Parts per Billion | Excellent | 5% of Allowed in Conventionally Grown Crops | Poor |
| 6. Parts per billion GEO max. contamination | Zero Parts per Billion | Excellent | Unspecified | Poor |
| 7. Years land is free of synthetic pesticides and GEOs | Minimum of 20 Years | Excellent | Minimum of 3 Years | Poor |
| 8. Family-owned and operated farm | Yes | Excellent | Unspecified | Poor |
| 9. Synthetic Pesticides Allowed | Not Allowed | Excellent | Under Certain Circumstances | Poor |

| ORGANIC FLOUR PROCESSING STANDARDS | | | | |
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| Quality-Control Standards | FFI Organic Flour (FFI Organic Standards) | | USDA Organic Flour (USDA Organic Standards) | |
| 1. Stone-ground mandatory | Yes | Excellent | Unspecified | Poor |
| 2. Stone-ground below 100 °F mandatory | Yes | Excellent | Unspecified | Poor |
| 3. 100% organic milling facility mandatory | Yes | Excellent | Unspecified | Poor |
| 4. Parts per billion GEO max. contamination | Zero Parts per Billion | Excellent | Unspecified | Poor |
| 5. Parts per billion synthetic pesticide max. contamination | Zero Parts per Billion | Excellent | 5% of Allowed in Conventionally Grown Crops | Poor |
| 6. Additives and preservatives | Not Allowed | Excellent | Yes Allowed | Poor |
| 7. Family-owned and operated mill | Yes | Excellent | Unspecified | Poor |