

# IOFGA

IRISH ORGANIC FARMERS AND GROWERS ASSOCIATION



## Irish Organic Farmers and Growers Association (IOFGA)

Website: <http://www.iofga.org/index.htm>

Based in: Ireland

Type: Organic Standard Setting Body; NGO/Nonprofit

**Certification process:** Irish Organic Certification Bodies (OCBs) conduct inspections of farms or producers who apply for certification. Upon approval by an OCB, IOFGA will allow a product limited use of its organic label.

**From the IOFGA website:** “About IOFGA: The Irish Organic Farmers and Growers Association certifies organic food and products throughout the island of Ireland. It is a voluntary organisation and a company limited by guarantee with a membership open to all. It has an elected board of directors and is supported by a membership of over one thousand.

IOFGA:

- Operates an inspection scheme approved in Ireland and the UK
- Maintains a set of rigorous organic production and food processing standards
- Provides information and training on organic farming and food production
- Promotes organic food and farming
- Facilitates a network of regional groups throughout Ireland”

**What they certify:**

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| • Poultry     | Bees and Homes  | Other Livestock |
| • Beef Cattle | Sheep and Goats | Food and Drink  |
| • Calves      | Pigs            | Processed Foods |

**Certifying aquaculture products since:** Unknown

**Aquaculture standards overview:**

*IOFGA does not provide separate aquaculture standards* from their general organic standards for livestock, which includes specific instructions for all livestock listed above. As a result, their coverage for aquaculture is less specific than that of other organizations.

- **Therapeutants:** nonchemical therapeutants are permitted; nonchemical methods of prevention are preferred
- **Water Quality:** **attempts to conserve water should be made**
- **Antifoulants:** no information provided

- **Feed:** fish meal should be from sustainable sources
- **Hormones & Growth Stimulants:** hormones only permitted for use in individual animals as therapy
- **Stocking Density:** no information provided