



# BIOSUISSE

**BioSuisse**

**Website:** <http://www.bio-suisse.ch/en/home.php>

**Based in:** Switzerland      **Type:** Organic Standard Setting Body; Association of Organic Producers

**Certification process:** Unavailable

**From the BioSuisse website:** “BioSuisse is the umbrella association of more than 3 organic framing organizations and about 6300 farms engaging in organic production in Switzerland (included 42 farms in Liechtenstein). A Bud (certified farm) is organically managed throughout.”

**What they certify:**

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| • Dairy | Fruit      | Grains          |
| • Meat  | Vegetables | Processors      |
| • Fish  | Eggs       | Processed Foods |

**Certifying aquaculture products since: 2001**

**Aquaculture standards overview:**

BioSuisse standards do a great deal to protect fish and social welfare. Their standards for disease prevention and management are also excellent. BioSuisse also requires that producers make an effort to actively improve the ecological health of their sites.

- **Therapeutants:** chemotherapeutic treatments are only permitted with veterinarian consultation

**Water Quality:** regular (at least monthly) monitoring required; effluent must meet Swiss requirements for water quality; **waste/excess** feed collected for organic fertilizer

- **Antifoulants:** high pressure cleaning is preferable

- **Feed:** feed must meet organic feed standards; no more than 15% fat permitted; all vegetable ingredients must be organic
- **Hormones & Growth Stimulants:** no hormones or growth promoters permitted
- **Stocking Density:** depends on species; 20kg/m<sup>3</sup> for salmonids

**Miscellaneous information:** BioSuisse endorses wild fish certified by the Marine Stewardship Council on its [website](#).