

Quality Programs

SunOpta's quality programs—Identity Preserved (IP), Non-Genetically Modified Organism (Non-GMO), and Certified Organic—promote good agronomics for the grower, desirable product characteristics for the food manufacturer, and wholesome nutrition for the consumer. These programs preserve the identity, quality, and purity of SunOpta grain, soybean, and sunflower products. To ensure the consistent excellence of our product line and to comply with regulations, SunOpta monitors and directs every stage of the process, including: seed selection, planting, harvesting, storage, processing and delivery.

QUALITY CONTROL AND CERTIFICATIONS

The SunOpta quality programs employ both internal standard operating procedures and external testing and verification systems. In-house and independent laboratories analyze our products to authenticate proper program execution and product specifications. Our certification systems include: Quality Assurance International (QAI) Certified Organic, Minnesota Crop Improvement Association (MCIA) Certified Seed and Seed Conditioning, Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Organic, Kosher, Japanese Agricultural Standard (JAS), American Institute of Baking (AIB), and National Food Processors Association (NFPA).

IDENTITY PRESERVED (IP)

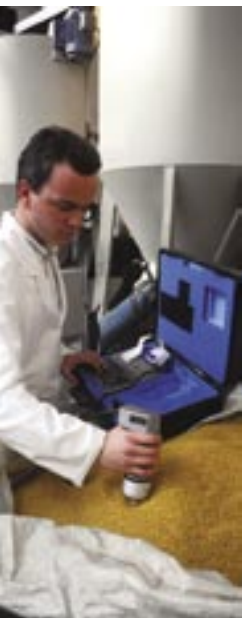
This quality program makes it possible to trace a specific variety or type of grain to its original germ plasm. The IP process ensures that the identification of a crop is maintained through the marketing channels so that the end user receives a specified crop variety or trait.

NON-GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISM (Non-GMO)

Non-GMO crop varieties are produced through traditional breeding methods (germ plasms of the same plant species are crossed, via pollen transfer, to produce a new variety with desirable characteristics). Unlike genetically modified organisms (GMOs), a Non-GMO organism retains its natural genetic make-up, and is not altered through recombinant DNA transfer technology.

ORGANIC

Organic refers to the way agricultural products are grown and manufactured. Organic farming methods prohibit the use of certain fertilizers, herbicides, insecticides and other chemicals that can potentially cause harm to the environment. The original integrity of organically-grown food is maintained through the manufacturing process by employing primarily mechanical processing methods and avoiding harsh chemicals and processes.



Consistency
& excellence...
quality beyond
compare





SunOpta, a healthy products company, is a leading producer, supplier, and ingredient developer for the food industry. We supply food-grade soybeans, corn, sunflower, and food ingredients to local and international markets. Our reputation as a reliable supplier is a direct result of our close relationship with growers and food processors. We are involved every step of the way to maintain quality, consistency, and exceptional value.

Please contact us to discuss the details of our quality programs.

Continual research helps SunOpta agronomists create the best crops through careful seed selection and proper growing methods.

SunOpta works closely with growers to produce premium Identity Preserved, Organic, Non-GMO and Conventional grains.



SunOpta grains are harvested at the peak of maturity to maximize their nutritional qualities.



Our facilities at SunOpta are dedicated to the processing of Identity Preserved, Non-GMO, and Organic grains.



SunOpta is involved at every stage to provide the highest quality natural products.



SunOpta's quality programs foster the health and well-being of our communities and promote environmental responsibility.



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