



## Accredited Certification Bodies Service Snapshot

### ***What is the difference between Regional and ISO Certification Bodies?***

Both types of agencies can certify products to the British Columbia Certified Organic Program (BCCOP) while ISO agencies can also certify to the Canada Organic Regime (COR) thus allowing the certified organic product to be shipped out of the province. BCCOP Certified Organic products can display the BCCOP checkmark on approved labels, while COR certified products can also use the Canada Organic Regime logo.

### **Chart Key**

- 1 F = Farms, OFP = On-Farm Processing, P/H = Processors & handlers
- 2 AA = Accepting Applications all year, AD = Application Deadline
- 3 FT = Fulltime, PT = Part-time, V = Volunteer, Other
- 4 E = Entire Province, R = Regional Area
- 5 C = Canada Organic Standards, AR = Additional Requirements
- 6 G = Grower Meetings, T = Transition Workshops, Other, FT = Farm Tours, ES = Educational Seminars, M = Mentoring

Accreditation	Certifier	Scope <sup>1</sup>	Entry Window <sup>2</sup>	Office Hours <sup>3</sup>	Geographic Area <sup>4</sup>	Standard <sup>5</sup>	Other Services <sup>6</sup>
ISO	BCARA, BC Assoc. of Regenerative Agriculture	F, P/H	AA new AD Mar30 renewal	PT	Fraser Valley, Sunshine Coast, Vancouver Island	C	G
ISO	FVOPA, Fraser Valley Organic Producers Association	F, P/H, OFP,	AA	PT – 7 days a week.	Canada Wide	C, USDA-NOP	G
ISO	PACS, Pacific Agricultural Certification Society	F, P/H	AA	FT	Canada wide	C, USDA-NOP	
Regional	BIO D, Biodynamic Agricultural Society of BC	F	AD, end of March	PT	E	C Demeter International	
Regional	BOPA, Boundary Organic Producers Assoc.	F, P/H	AA New AD Renewing	Weekdays 9:00 – 5:00	Boundary (mostly)	C	
Regional	IOPA, Island Organic Producers Assoc.	F, OFP, P/H,	AA	PT	Vancouver Island and the other Gulf Islands	C, Guidelines available at: <a href="http://www.iopa.ca">www.iopa.ca</a>	Regular gatherings, listserve, resource directory
Regional	KOGS, Kootenay Organic Growers Society	F, P/H,	AD, end of March	20 hrs per month	East of Creston, Kootenay South, Nakusp South	C	FT, lectures, mid-season gatherings
Regional	LEOGA, Living Earth Organic Growers Assoc.	F	AD, end of March	V	Okanagan & Simil. up to Peachland, Naramata and Oliver	C	
Regional	NOOA, North Okanagan Organic Assoc.	F	AA	PT	E	C	G, FT, ES, M
Regional	SOOPA, Similkameen Okanagan Organic Producers Association	F, OFP	March 31	PT	Mainly Similkameen & south Okanagan Valleys		
Regional	STOPA, Shuswap Thompson Organic Producers Assoc.	F, OFP					