

Organic Certification Information

Questions and Answers

1. **Q:** Can I use *Calcium-25* on my organic crops?

A: YES!! *Calcium-25* has been approved by numerous groups, starting with C.C.O.F, N.O.F.A., M.O.F.G.A, O.E.F.F.A., and others. Most recently the product has been placed on the National Organic Program list and has gained approval by **O.M.R.I.**

2. **Q:** O.M.R.I. has your product listed with the letter “R” next to it. What does this mean?

A: This is a point that requires clarification, since it is not totally clear from the wording in the O.M.R.I. Brand Name Product List. The 2004 list indicates the status of *Calcium-25* as “R”, which is on the approval certificates as “regulated”. However, the listing implies that this means “restricted”. **It is important to note that this term means “restricted for use as a foliar spray ONLY”.** **NOT restricted from use!** *The product only works as a foliar spray.* See page “ii” in the O.M.R.I. List showing the restrictions (foliar application only) are required to follow for *compliant* use.

3. **Q:** Some certifiers say that I must prove I have a calcium deficiency *before* I use *Calcium-25*. How can it help after the damage is done due to a calcium deficiency?

A: First, ALL plants experience a calcium deficiency at one point during their lifetime. *Calcium-25* can effectively prevent the problem before it happens, so it is meaningless to have to prove you have the damage before having the means to prevent it. Second, *Calcium-25* is **NOT** just a calcium product, since it increases crop yield and quality on plants that are BOTH calcium-deficient AND calcium-rich – whether in the plant tissue or in the soil. Use *Calcium-25* to improve yields and quality, and PREVENT those annoying problems which occur during the season!