

# Vortex Certification Services LLC 2019 Member Packet



1. OPERATION'S BUSINESS NAME:

2. PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

3. Scope of operations and what you hope to certify:

Livestock/poultry          crops                          compost                          handler/processor

4. TYPE OF APPLICANT:

SOLE PROPRIETOR                  PARTNERSHIP                  CORPORATION                  OTHER

Partnerships, corporations, associations, cooperatives or other entities must submit documentation verifying your official registration as a legal entity. If your operation is a partnership, LLC, or Corporation, please provide your Federal Tax ID number. Sole Proprietors may leave the blank.

5. CONTACT 1

NAME:  
ROLE:  
PHONE:  
CELL PHONE:  
EMAIL:  
ADDRESS:

6. CONTACT 2

NAME:  
ROLE:  
PHONE:  
CELL PHONE:  
EMAIL:  
ADDRESS:

7. Please list any additional individuals who are authorized to have access to your certification files:

8. The following countries have equivalency agreements for NOP. Indicate below the countries you may export to.

NONE      CANADA      EUROPE      OTHER:

9. Previous certifications:

- A. Is any part of your operation currently certified organic or biodynamic?    Y                    N  
B. If yes, please name your certifier.

10. Please estimate your anticipated annual biodynamic sales:

11. Affirmations and Authorizations:

-I affirm that the information on this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

-I authorize any certifiers listed above to release information to Vortex Certification Services, LLC.

-On behalf of this operation, I affirm that I (we) will provide complete and accurate information on all questionnaires and other application materials representing my/our operation.

-I give my consent for this operation:

\_\_\_\_\_ to become a member of the Vortex Certification Services, LLC. Vortex Certification Services, LLC wants to ensure and provide legal recognition and protection of biodynamic practices by biodynamic operators.

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

§205.100 (c) Any operation that:

(1) Knowingly sells or labels a product as organic, except in accordance with the Act, shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than the amount specified in §3.91(b)(1) of this title per violation.

(2) Makes a false statement under the Act to the Secretary, a governing State official, or an accredited certifying agent shall be subject to the provisions of section 1001 of title 18, United States Code.

I declare under penalty of perjury (under the laws of the United States of America) that the foregoing is true and correct.

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

- i. This signature acknowledges Vortex Certification Services, LLC recognizes me as a voting member.
- ii. This signature acknowledges that I will do my best to uphold Biodynamic standards to meet the certification mark.

List the farm products as you want them to appear on your certificate. The following crops/livestock are requested for certification this year:

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## Additional Information

1.Are you interested in a volunteer role, if so what? This includes board positions, farmer education roles, committee roles including Standards?

2.What do you value most about certification for your operation?

3.From your personal experience, what do you see as the biggest challenges for operators in the certification process?

4.What would you like to see in a new certification agency.

Please return the membership packet via email to [info@vortex-certification.com](mailto:info@vortex-certification.com) or mail the following address:

Vortex Certification Services, LLC  
450 Targhee Towne Road  
Alta, WY 8300

Date:

To:  
Demeter Association, Inc. and Stellar Certification Services, Inc.  
PO BOX 1390 Philomath, OR 97370  
541-929-7148 ext. 208

Sub: Request for Release of Biodynamic Certification Records

Dear Office Manager,

I would like to bring to your attention to the request for all documents related to the operation, \_\_\_\_\_ to be transferred to Vortex Certification Services, LLC. I will also need the duplicate copy of the same for personal records.

I would be very grateful to you if you could complete this request on priority basis and issue the copy of the documents immediately. They are required in a timely manner.

Your help in this regard will be highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

# Membership Fee Overview

New Application Fee of \$350 waived for 2019  
(Application Fee: Applicable 2nd year of certification, \$350 per scope)

Annual Member Dues: \$150 per operation

Deposit : \$200 towards inspection costs

Inspection Costs: As is to be invoiced after inspection, \$50/ additional site

\*\*\*Future fee schedules will be determined by the voting the membership.\*\*\*

Vortex Certification, LLC is a high integrity verification program for regenerative agriculture for farmers by farmers. The standards are based on Dr. Rudolf Steiner's Lectures on Agriculture and at the minimum, the Demeter International Biodynamic Standard and the National Organic Program's standard for organic agriculture. Vortex Certification was founded to provide a member focused certification agency accredited by a Biodynamic certification program that meets the Demeter International Standard and the National Organic Program (NOP) with superior and transparent certification service and systems. Vortex Certification Services brings quality professionals together to provide clear and responsive service through application review, inspection and final review process to outstanding farms and processors while defending the Biodynamic and Organic standards.

Vortex Certification, LLC has gotten us thus far on the efforts of volunteers. If you interested in making a financial contribution. Please list your pledge amount here \_\_\_\_\_ and contact Tibby Plasse directly at [info@vortex-certification.com](mailto:info@vortex-certification.com) or by calling 443-831-3366.

