

21—47.8(190C) Certification agent.

47.8(1) The department shall serve as certification agent on behalf of and as authorized by the secretary of agriculture pursuant to Iowa Code section 190C.3 as amended by 2003 Iowa Acts, House File 600.

47.8(2) Scope of certification. Contingent upon USDA accreditation, the department may inspect and certify organic production and handling operations located outside of the state. The intent of the department is to facilitate continuity of certification services to Iowa-based farms or businesses, or when the county in which the applicant resides is contiguous to the state. Consideration may be given to other out-of-state applicants. The department may seek accreditation from USDA to provide certification services in Iowa and other states where necessary.