

Questions and Answers Regarding National Standards for Organic Agriculture

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency, in partnership with the Organic Federation of Canada, has developed the Organic Standards Interpretation Committee (AGRI-SIC).

The objective of the Committee is to provide to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency Office interpretive guidance on issues related to the National Standards for Organic Agriculture (CAN/CGSB-32.310 and CAN/CGSB-32.311).



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Heating temperature for the bottling of honey

What is the maximum heating temperature for the bottling of honey? (625)

The temperature when bottling honey shall not exceed 47 °C (116.6 °F), the maximum temperature for decrystallization. If heated above this temperature, the honey can only be used as an ingredient in a multi-ingredient product as per 32.310 - 7.1.16.4.

Permitted Substances Lists

Ammonia water derived/extracted from a digester

Is ammonia water derived or extracted from an anaerobic digester permitted as a soil amendment? (627)

No. Regardless of the source, ammonia is not listed in Table 4.2; therefore, it is not permitted.