

# Questions and Answers Regarding National Standards for Organic Agriculture

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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).

Below are proposed answers to questions raised by organic stakeholders, regarding the National Standards for Organic Agriculture.

**The proposed responses are subject to a 30-day comment period. All comments regarding these answers should be sent to [cfia.opr-rpb.acia@canada.ca](mailto:cfia.opr-rpb.acia@canada.ca).**

## Public Comment Period

**September 11 to October 11, 2024**

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## Organic principles and management standards

### 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.