

Greenhouse Production Practices and Organic Certification at Golden Russet Farm

We grow all of our plants in certified organic potting mix that we buy from Vermont Compost Company. Our plants have been grown under organic management, in compliance with Vermont Organic Farmers organic certification standards, since 1987.

In 2003, the USDA's National Organic Program's standards redefined what qualifies as "Certified Organic." We offer the following as a way to clarify what plants are and are not "Certified Organic," and why:

- All of our vegetable starts and many of our herbs are certified organic. Some of our herbs are not certified organic because they are from non-organic rooted cuttings. A list of non-certified organic plants is available at the farm.**
- Our greenhouse flowers are grown organically, but are not "certified organic," because the fiber pots we have used for so many years are not certifiable. In addition, the plugs and cuttings for some of the plants we grow come from non-organic sources. Due to these technicalities, many of our flower packs are not "Certified Organic" even though they are grown organically, just as they have been since 1987. A list of non-certified organic plants is available at the farm.**

As always, all of the produce grown in our fields is 100% certified organic.

Thank you for your interest,

Judy and Will Stevens