



HEALTHY FOOD IN HEALTH CARE FOOD PURCHASING STANDARDS

Accepted certifications and label claims by value category

About

This document contains Health Care Without Harm and Practice Greenhealth's Healthy Food in Health Care Food Purchasing Standards.

The information contained in this document stems from a common set of criteria, definitions, certifications and attributes, measures, and strategies to support and evaluate values-based procurement efforts across institutional sectors developed by the Anchors in Action alliance.

Included in this guide:

Certifications and supplier/product attributes:

The third-party certifications or supplier/product attributes (where certifications do not exist) that meet the evaluation criteria established for the value category

To see the evaluation criteria that was used to identify these certifications and supplier/product attributes, refer to the Anchors in Action Framework.

Learn more about our [Healthy Food in Health Care Standards](#) and the [Anchors in Action Framework](#).

ACCEPTED FOOD PRODUCT CERTIFICATION AND LABEL CLAIMS	VALUE CATEGORIES				
	ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY	LOCAL ECONOMIES	ANIMAL WELFARE	VALUED WORKFORCE	COMMUNITY HEALTH AND NUTRITION
American Grassfed Association	■		■		■
Animal Welfare Approved by A Greener World	■		■		■
Aquaculture Stewardship Council (farmed mollusks only)	■				
Bee Better	■				
Best Aquaculture Practices (farmed mollusks only)	■				
Bird Friendly	■				
Certified Grassfed by A Greener World	■		■		■
Certified Humane			■		■
Certified Humane - Barn Raised, Free Range & Pasture Raised			■		■
Certified Naturally Grown	■				
Certified Responsible Antibiotic Use (CRAU)					■
Demeter Certified Biodynamic	■				■
Equitable Food Initiative	■			■	
Fair Food Program				■	
Fair for Life		■			
Fairtrade International		■		■	
Food Alliance	■				■
Food Justice Certified	■			■	■
Global Animal Partnership, Step 1			■		■
Global Animal Partnership, Step 2			■		■
Global Animal Partnership, Step 3			■		■
Global Animal Partnership, Step 4			■		■
Global Animal Partnership, Step 5, 5+			■		■
Global G.A.P. (farmed mollusks and seaweed/kelp)	■				
Grasslands Alliance	■				■
Land to Market Verified (previously Ecological Outcome Verified)	■				
Linking Environment and Farming (LEAF)	■				
Marine Stewardship Council (wild caught seafood)	■				
Milk With Dignity				■	
100% Grassfed by Pennsylvania Certified Organic (PCO)			■		
Rainforest Alliance	■				
Real Organic Project	■				■
Regenerative Organic Certified	■		■		■
Responsible Fisheries Management Certified Sustainable (wild caught seafood)	■				
Salmon Safe	■				
Small Producers Symbol		■			
Sustainably Grown	■				
USDA Organic	■		■		■
USDA Transitional Organic	■				■
INAC Never Ever 3					■
USDA Process Verified label claims for antibiotic usage in animal agriculture: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Antibiotics Ever (NAE) No Antibiotics Important to Human Health (NAIHH) No Antibiotics Important to Human Medicine (NAIHM) No Antibiotics Used Important to Human Medicine (as defined by WHO) Raised With No Antibiotics Ever (RWNAE) Raised Without Antibiotics (RWA or RWOA) 					■
ADDITIONAL PRODUCT ATTRIBUTES					
Local: Privately, cooperatively, or non-profit owned and operated, or B Corp certified, businesses within 250 miles of the institution (500 miles for meat, poultry, and seafood).		■			
Local: Multi ingredient products with ingredients that can be verified as majority local (50%+) will qualify.		■			
Local: Aggregated products (like dairy and produce) that: 1) are purchased from an aggregator that qualifies for the above "location" and "ownership" criteria; and 2) are majority (75%) supplied by suppliers (of any scale) that also qualify in the above "location" and "ownership" criteria.		■			
Local: Food from suppliers who have experienced negative systemic social and/or economic impacts such as (but not limited to) women, veterans, persons with disabilities, or people of color.		■		■	