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Organic Certification As a Path To Exporting

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Program Agenda

- *SAFE Pacific Project:**
- *Understanding Certified Organic:**
 - 3rd Party Regulated**
 - PGS Unregulated**
- * Strategies to minimize certification costs:**
- *Future of Organic:**
- *Q&A**



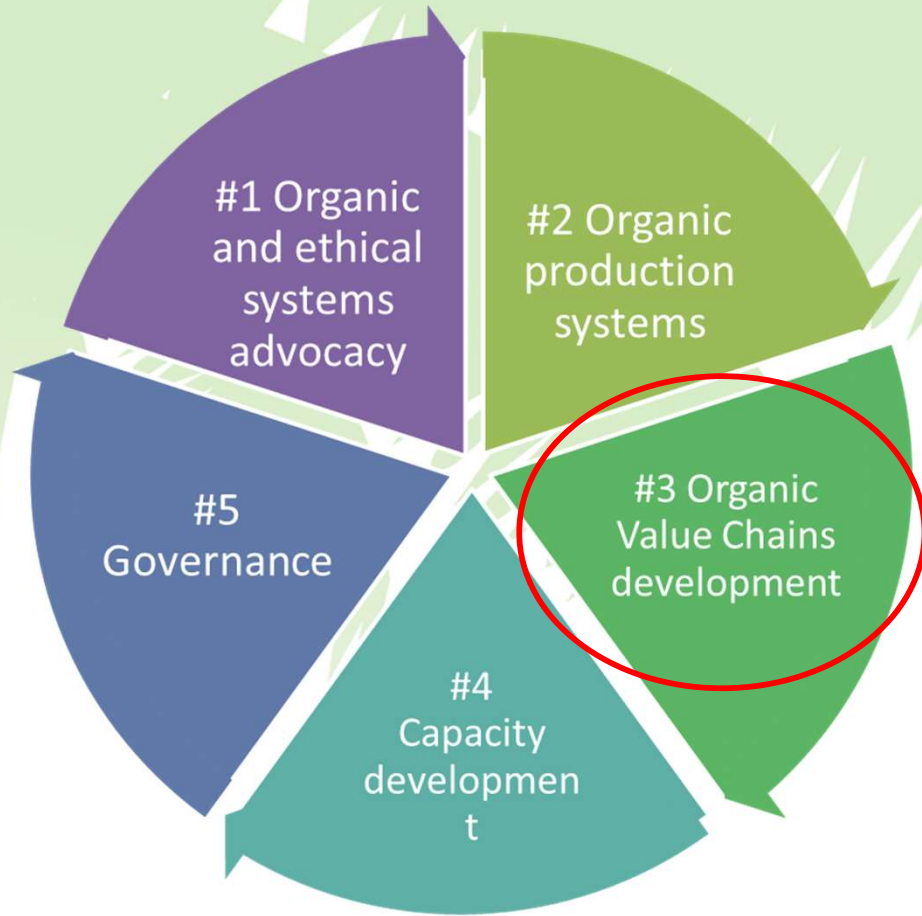
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Organics and ethical trade: the key contributor to sustaining our cultures and communities; improving farmer livelihoods, people's health and the environment in the Pacific.



Impact Areas





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Facilitate access to Certification

- **Pacific Organic Guarantee System**
 - ✓ Development of *Pacific Organic Standard (POS)*
 - Suits local conditions
 - Fairtrade, GESI Climate Change components
 - Recognised by regional Governments
 - ✓ National/regional & export certification
 - ✓ Partner Certification Bodies
 - ✓ Organic Pasifika Marks





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- PRISE has six main outputs and will be implemented via four separate contribution agreements
 - Output 1.1 Trade facilitation and border/customs procedures are improved.
 - **Output 1.2 Sanitary and Phytosanitary services are improved;**
 - Output 1.3 Capacity for regional aid-for-trade projects is strengthened.
 - Output 2.1 Measures to strengthen the business enabling environment and investment climate gender-responsively supported
 - Output 2.2 Improved climate-smart business support services.
 - **Output 2.3 Strengthened competitiveness of sustainable agricultural value-chains in the Pacific.**



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2.3.2 Strengthen access to market certification (environmental, sustainable, organic etc.).

- Develop and sustain a network of **locally based advisors and auditors**, and **assist businesses meet requirements for certifications**.
- Training and Technical Assistance.
- Horticulture, Agriculture, and Seafood.
- Focus on selected high-value products (Kava, Coconut, Coffee, and Turmeric).
- Implemented in 15 Pacific ACP Countries



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- Voluntary Certification Programs that will be focused on by the project.
- Organic
- Food safety / HACCP
- Fairtrade



SAFE Agricultural Trade Facilitation through economic integration in the Pacific Project (SAFE Pacific) project.

Final Report
Assessment of priority market certification programmes

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through Economic integration in the Pacific



- **Call for Expression of Interest**

<https://spc.int/procurement/tenders/call-for-interested-individuals-for-organic-and-food-safety-auditor-training>

- **Open through 18 November**



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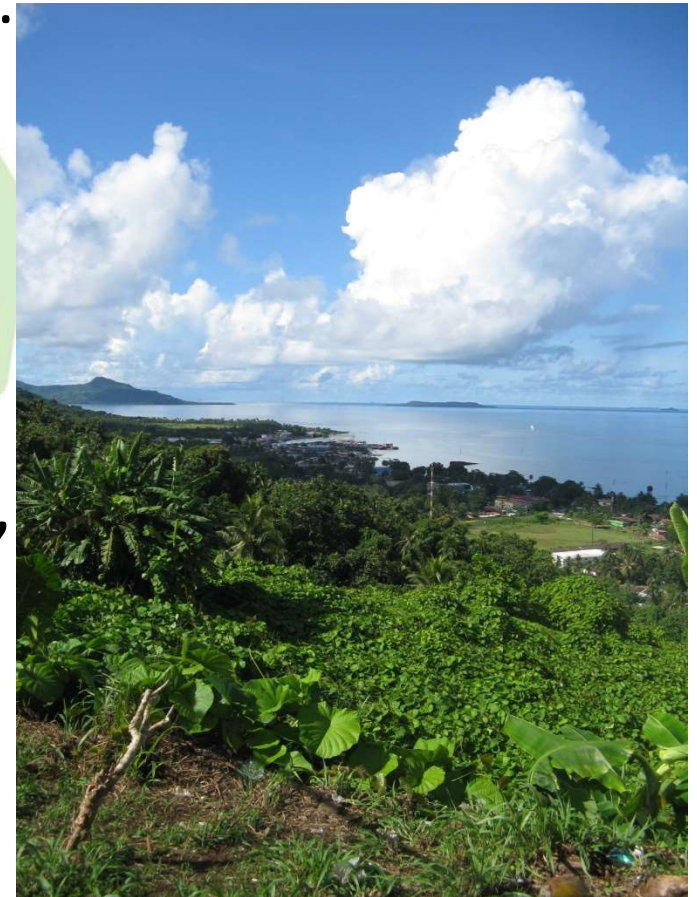
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Expression of Interest

Organic and Food Safety Auditor

What is Organic

- Organic agriculture is **a production system** that sustains the health of **soils, ecosystems** and **people**.
- It **relies on ecological processes, biodiversity and cycles** adapted to local conditions, rather than the use of inputs with adverse effects.
- Organic agriculture combines **tradition, innovation and science** to benefit the shared environment and promote **fair relationships** and a good **quality of life** for all involved.



organic

[awr-gan-ik] noun.

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What Is Certified Organic ?

- Application of Consistent Production and Handling Standards.
- Mandatory Production and/or Handling Plan.
- Use of only Approved Inputs.
- Verification Through Certification and On-Site Inspection.
- Every Step of the Value Chain

Key Concepts

- **Healthy Soil=Healthy Plants=Healthy Animals=Healthy Planet**
- Certification should be demand driven; Your market determines what certification and standard(s) you require
- Continuous Improvement
- There are costs
- Recordkeeping is essential
- Permission not forgiveness!



Standards/Norms/Rules

Scopes:

- **Crops** – Food, Fibre, Flowers
- **Livestock**
- **Aquaculture** (Seaweed)
- **Wild Harvest**
- **Apiculture** - Bees
- **Processing/Handling**

Approved Inputs List



Organic Marks



Organic Certification methods



3rd Party

Participatory Guarantee System (PGS)



Cost: 3rd Party v PGS (\$AUD)

3rd Party

- Application: \$0-25
- Certification fees: \$250-1000
- Inspection: \$250-800
- **Travel/Accommodation: \$5,000-10,000**
- Additional Scopes, \$250
- Testing: 0-200-800
- Consultants: \$1000-5000

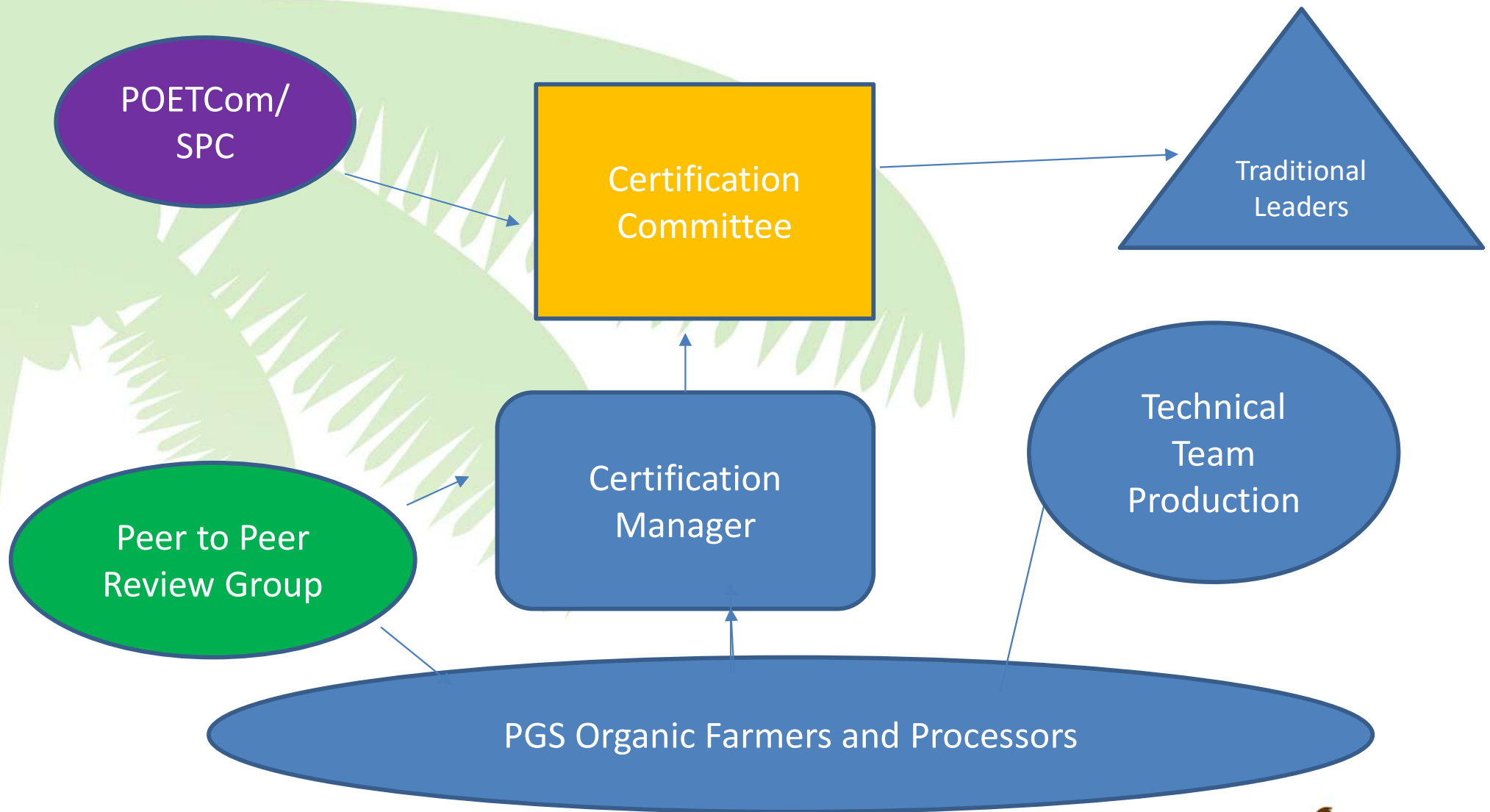
Total: \$5500-\$15,000 **Per Year**

PGS

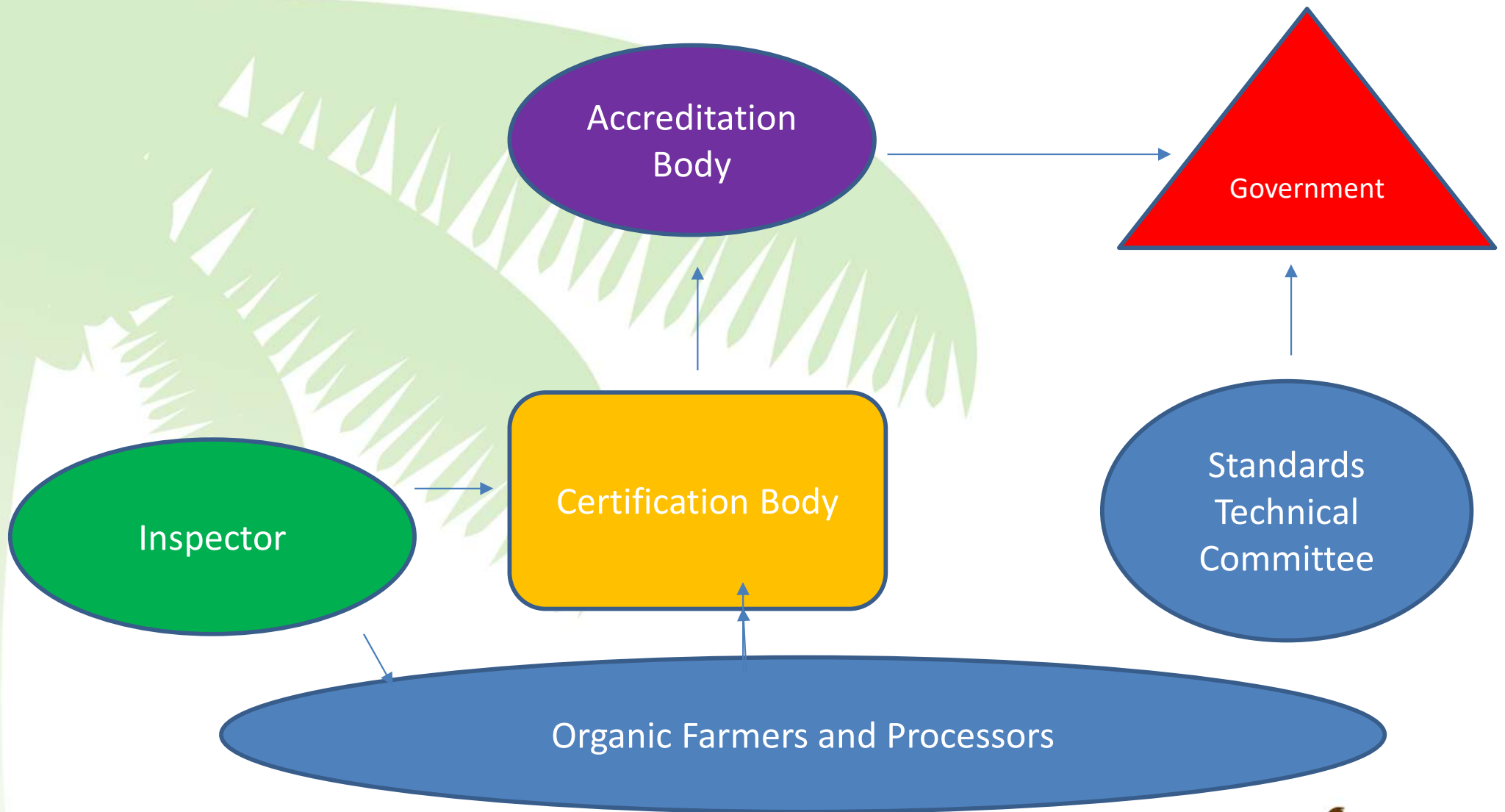
- Training/Set up: \$5000-\$10,000
- Application: \$0
- Certification Fees: \$250-\$500
- Inspection: \$0
- Travel: \$0
- Additional Scopes: \$0
- Testing:
- Consultants:

Total \$0-\$500

PGS System Structure



3rd Party Certification Structure



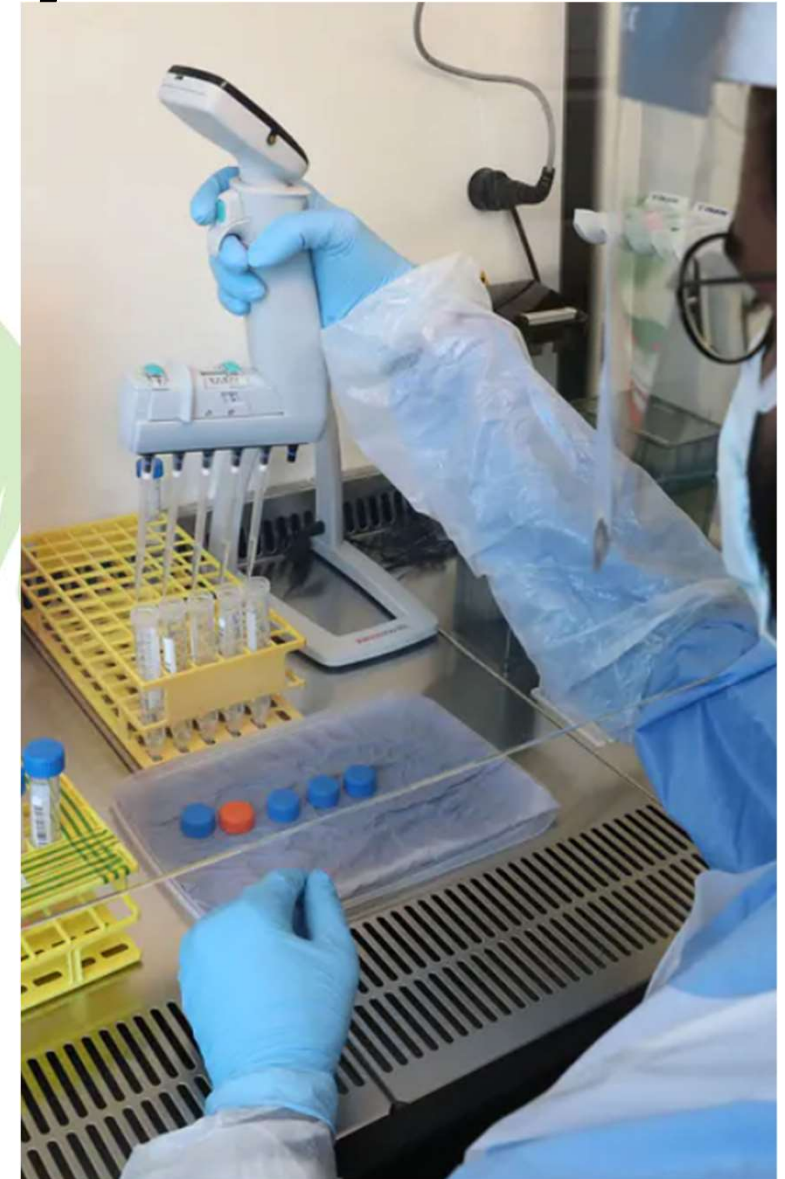
Annual Process



***Every Farm, Every Processor, Every Year**

Residue Analysis

- Certifying agent may require pre- or post-harvest testing for prohibited substances or GMOs based on risk, complaint or random
- Residue levels are much stricter than what is established for non-organic but not Zero.
- Variable tolerance levels for GMO contamination.



Choosing a Certifier

- Regional presence
- Expertise:
 - Scopes, Products, Countries, Schemes
- Customer Service
- Technical abilities
- Reputation
- Cost!



Thank You
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