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Organic standards

All Tesco organic products are grown and produced to strict EU Regulations. In the UK, DEFRA – the Government's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs – appoints approved organic certification bodies such as the Soil Association who ensure that organic

food production standards are properly maintained. All organic food products must carry the registration number of a DEFRA or other EU approved organic food certifier.

Find out more about Tesco Organic and buy online at www.tesco.com

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Get into organic and check out the taste. And choose organic because it's kinder to the environment. There are over 1200 competitively priced organic products at Tesco. Everything from fruit, vegetables, meat and dairy to pizza, chicken nuggets, ice cream and lemonade.

Taste

Many of our customers tell us they choose organic for the taste. Try it and let your tastebuds decide!

What's in your food?

If you like to know what's in your food, you'll be pleased to hear only 30 of the 500 additives registered for use in human food are allowed in organic food production. Genetically modified products are not permitted.

At least 95% of ingredients in organic food must be produced organically, and they can all be traced back to the farms where they were grown or reared.

Farming organic

Converting a farm to organic production takes time. All chemical treatments and fertilisers are stopped for two years and the land rested. Then an Inspector from an organic certification body tests the soil, which must be approved before it can be used for organic production.



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On the farm

The soil is conditioned to keep it fertile by using mainly crop rotation and applying composted animal manure. A fertile soil in good condition helps crops grow well. Only a few approved chemical pesticides and fungicides are ever used, and only when absolutely necessary.

Wildlife controls most pests so farmers maintain their habitats of hedgerows, trees and small woods.

Tesco's animal welfare standards ensure high standards of animal comfort and health, and organic is no exception. Organically reared animals must be provided with plenty of space and the land they are reared on must be certified organic.

Farmers are encouraged to treat animals with natural remedies and homeopathy wherever possible.

Feed is mainly organic and growth promoters are not permitted.

Crop rotation and manure are used to help keep soil in good condition and control pests and disease. Farm animals have plenty of space, eat mostly organic feed and benefit

from mostly natural remedies, with the use of antibiotics kept to a minimum.







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