

QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM FOR PELLETED FERTILIZER PRODUCTS RAW MATERIAL CONTROLS

PROCESS

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Organic Farms® base ingredients are heat treated to ensure pathogen reduction prior to pelleting.

100% Of Organic Farms<sup>®</sup> poultry litter is derived from Foster Farms owned chicken ranches and handled by trained employees.

Organic Farms<sup>®</sup> has successfully implemented and completed a program of surrogate pathogen testing conducted by a highly accredited 3rd party process authority to assure sufficient pathogen reduction through the conditioning and pelleting process.

Organic Farms<sup>®</sup> ensures one step up and one step down traceability for every lot manufactured. A well documented GMP program is in place for the manufacturing facility and documented training is completed for all employees.

Organic Farms<sup>®</sup> manufacturing takes place in a confined and controlled system, beginning with raw material receipt and continuing through mixing, conditioning, pelleting and tote loading.

All Organic Farms<sup>®</sup> finished goods are stored in sealed totes. Finished goods are not bulk stored and subject to potential outside contamination.

Organic Farms<sup>®</sup> uses tamper proof identification tags to assure security on all tote and bulk fertilizer shipments.

The Organic Farms<sup>®</sup> manufacturing system is routinely shut down for a full sanitization event to consistently maintain a high level of cleanliness.

Finished product sampling is conducted at the Organic Farms<sup>®</sup> manufacturing facility, and 25 samples are taken per lot. Operators all complete 3rd party aseptic sampling training and maintain up to date certificates on file.

ANALYTICAL

Every lot produced is held until an array of microbiology tests are completed. COA's are issued for all lots assuring compliant results for EC O157, listeria monocytogenes, Salmonella and Fecal Coliforms.