



Georgia Crop Improvement Association Organic Certification Program

Date: June 15, 2018

To: GCIAOCP Organic Clients

From: Terry Hollifield, Executive Director

Re: GCIAOCP Policy on use of sodium nitrate in organic production

Please see below GCIAOCP's policy re: sodium nitrate. This policy takes effect immediately. Any questions or concerns should be addressed to Terry Hollifield and/or Johnny Luke, GCIA Organic Program Manager.

Sodium Nitrate is restricted to no more than 20 percent of the crop's total nitrogen requirement. Total nitrogen requirement will be determined by the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service recommendations for the crop being produced. Producers must comply with 7CFR 205.200. (Reference- NOP Notice 12-1) by maintaining or improving the natural resources of the operation, including soil and water quality, and comply with crop nutrient and soil requirements. Exceptions may be made to this policy if reputable scientific data to support other requested nitrogen rates is presented by the grower applicant. A request for exception to this policy must be submitted and approved prior to implementation of said practice.