

Rebel farmers create new food label

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THETFORD, Vt. – Was your tomato grown in dirt or water? Organic shoppers might notice additional labels this summer that will give them the answer – and tell them whether their choices align with what a rebellious group of farmers and scientists deem the true spirit of the organic movement.

About 15 farmers and scientists from around the country met in Vermont late last month to create the standards for an additional organic certification program, which they plan to roll out nationally to between 20 to 60 farms as a pilot this summer.

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