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General Comment

The request to list all soil-less Organic farming operations has no purpose other than to create a list of farmers to harass.

The idea that consumers need this list is absurd, the vast majority of Organic food consumers are pleased with the current system, as shown by the steady growth of certified Organic products.

It is important to not that many of those who want a list were unhappy with the Organic standards passed by the Organic community in the late 1980s, unhappy with the OFPA, unhappy with the Organic regulations and most of the changes over the past decades.

One of the oldest truths about Organic farming is "Feed the Soil, not the Plant"

NOP must exercise it authority in drafting regulations outlining how soil-less farming operations must create a biologically active solution to assure inputs are not pushed to the plants without first being predigested by bacteria. This predigesting is successfully used by some, but not all soil-less farms

Organic regulations must be consistent