# N.Y. Milk Processors Market Certified Organic

PORT CRANE, N.Y.—The Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York, Inc. (NOFA-NY) has announced the completion of the organic certification process of two New York milk processors.

Mountainside Farms, Inc., of Jamaica, N.Y. and Sunnydale Farms, Inc., of Brooklyn, N.Y., have received certification as processors of organic milk and have begun the marketing of organic milk.

Mountainside Farms, Inc. is marketing certified organic milk under the brand name of Juniper Valley Organic Milk. Sunnydale Farms, Inc., is marketing certified organic milk under the brand name of Natural by Nature.

Along with the two milk processors, three N.Y. dairy farms have completed the NOFA-NY farm certification process. They are Alan Babcock, Speckle Acres Farm, Burlington Flats, N.Y.: Warren Williams, Jr., Mar-War Farm, Burlington Flats, N.Y.; and

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Brian & Douglas Stetson, Eberezer Farm, Richfield Springs, N.Y. Each farm has completed the transition process to organic production, completed the application process and the farm inspection visit, and has begun shipping organically produced milk.

The certification of organic milk production in New York offers a fresh opportunity for many dairy farms by providing an alternative market for their milk. Sales of organic food products grew by 24 percent in 1994 and have increased by more than 20 percent annually for each of the

past six years. Organic dairy products sales have risen 25 percent in the past two years. These impressive growth figures are balanced by reassuring signs of stability in the market. As they enter this strong market, milk processors are paying a premium price for certified organic milk.

The certification of organic milk production involves both land and dairy herd management. Land becoming certified must meet a minimum requirement of three years since the last application of synthetic herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers.

Certification also involves the implementation of adequate buffer zones to insure that spray drift from adjoining conventionally farmed fields cannot contaminate the crops and soils of certified fields. Certification of dairy cattle requires certified organically grown feeds, limitations on the use of medications, extended withdrawal times after medication use, and pasturing of cattle. Dairy cattle must be fed certified organically grown grains and forages and adhere to all other certification standards for a minimum of 90 days prior to shipping certified

organic milk.

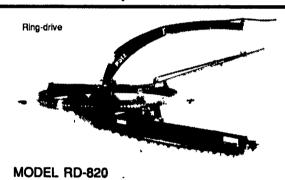
Both Mountainside Farms, Inc. and Sunnydale Farms, Inc., are seeking additional farms to work toward certification of organic milk production.

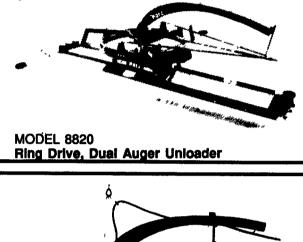
For more information on dairy certification, contact Patricia Kane, Adminstrator of the NOFA-NY Certification Program, at 472 Monkey Run Road, Port Crane, NY 13833, (607) 648-5557.

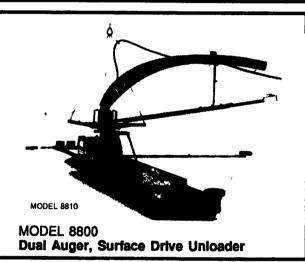
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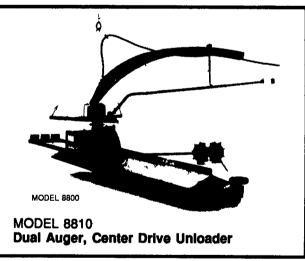
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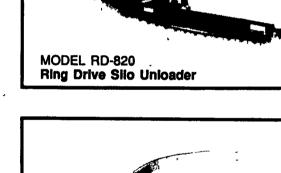














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