



Food Alliance Partners with ICS

Food Alliance, a leading certifier of sustainable agricultural practices, has announced a partnership with International Certification Services (ICS) to provide Food Alliance certification to farms, ranches and food processors nationwide.

Through the partnership, Food Alliance will transfer administration of its certification inspections to ICS. Food Alliance will retain responsibility for the quality of the certification program, including the development of certification standards, promotion of the certification program, and service to certified businesses. ICS will take responsibility for recruiting and training inspectors, scheduling inspections, reviewing inspector reports, issuing certification decisions and maintaining certification records.

Food Alliance made the decision to outsource administration of its inspections as a means to manage the increasing number of requests for certification coming from across the United States.

ICS will begin administering Food Alliance certifications on July 1, 2005.

International Certification Services, Inc. (ICS) has been offering quality certification services since 1980 and is currently operating in 13 countries. ICS carries multiple accreditations and is headquartered in Medina, North Dakota.

For more information about Food Alliance and its programs, please visit www.foodalliance.org.