



## **Some Selected Resources on Organic Production for Greenhouse Growers**

There has been an increase in the demand for organically grown greenhouse crops, especially organically grown vegetable and or herb transplants.



*Figure 1: Organically Grown Pepper & Tomato Transplants. Photos by L. Pundt*

The USDA NOP guides development of standards for organic greenhouse production. <https://www.ams.usda.gov/about-ams/programs-offices/national-organic-program>

All growers who sell more than \$5000 produced each year are required to go through a certification process.

Many of Connecticut's organic farms are certified by Baystate Organic Certifiers. <http://baystateorganic.org/>

For a list of accredited certifying agents, see <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/certifying-agents>

CT NOFA: <https://www.ctnofa.org/>

NCAT: ATTRA Sustainable Agriculture. National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service. <https://attra.ncat.org/>  
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### **Pest Management**

More growers are using biological controls in their greenhouses (biological fungicides, biological control agents and beneficial nematodes).

Go to the UConn Greenhouse IPM website and see section on biological controls and organic fungicides and insecticides under vegetable transplants.

Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) Reviews products to determine whether they meet the National Organic Standards for use by organic growers. See searchable website: <https://www.omri.org/>

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