



FACT SHEET

ORGANIC STANDARDS

SEED PREPARATION

- Uses untreated seeds
- Never use GMO seeds

SOIL & WATER

- Builds strong soil through crop rotation
- Retains water more efficiently because of increased organic matter in the soil

WEED CONTROL

- Physical removal of weeds rather than chemical destruction
- Controls weeds through cultivation and hand hoeing

PEST CONTROL

- Maintains a balance between pests and their natural predators through healthy soil
- Uses beneficial insects, biological and cultural practices to control pests
- May use planted trap crops to lure insects away from the cotton

HARVESTING

- Relies mostly on seasonal freezes for natural defoliation
- May stimulate defoliation through water management

ORGANIC COTTON CERTIFICATION

- USDA approved agent issues organic cotton certification
- Anvil uses organic cotton which is certified through many government approved agents; among them is the TDA

GIN, SPINNING and KNITTING

- Machinery is cleaned before use to avoid any contamination

DYEING and FINISHING

- Only chemicals and materials that meet organic processing standards are used
- Anvil uses products which conform to ETAD agreement standards and are free of environmentally unfriendly products

CUTTING and SEWING

- Organic fabric is kept separate, clearly identified and tracked through the cutting and sewing process
- Anvil is committed to leadership in socially responsible manufacturing practices. Our organic cotton sewing facility is certified by and maintains full compliance with global WRAP³ production principles

RESOURCES

OTA⁴

- A not-for-profit group that promotes/protects the overall organic trade, focuses on food and other organic products: <http://www.ota.com/index.html>
- The OTA is one of the four members of GOTS; other members are the Soil Association (England), INV (Germany) and JOCA (Japan) <http://www.global-standard.org>
- GOTS has approved the first international certification body for organic cotton the IMO (Switzerland) http://www.imo.ch/index.php?seite+imo_index_en

ORGANIC EXCHANGE

- A not-for-profit group that promotes organic agriculture with specific focus on fibers such as cotton: <http://www.organicexchange.org/>

¹ TDA Texas Department of Agriculture

² ETAD Ecological and Toxicological Association of Dyes and Organic Pigment Manufacturers

³ WRAP Worldwide Responsible Apparel Production

⁴ OTA Organic Trade Association

⁵ GOTS International working group on Global Organic Textile Standards

⁶ INV International Association Natural Textile Industry

⁷ JOCA Japan Organic Cotton Association

⁸ IMO Institute for Marketecology

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