



Yerba mate plantation certifications

Different certifications from with an on-site audit carried out by independent control agencies, allow us to verify and guarantee that our production systems follow the established requirements for organic products and fair trade practices, biodynamic agriculture and organic regeneration.



Our purpose

Generate community and consumer confidence through certification of the practices we implement. ● ●

Verify that specific practices adhere to criteria audited annually by the certifying entities. ●

Validate and improve the system's practices regularly, complying with recommendations and requirements from inspectors. ●

Share what we've learned about the process of certifying an establishment or a product with other producers. ●

Lend visibility to practices favorable to socio-environmental wellbeing. ●

Our actions

● In FAI's yerba mate plantations we have adopted the procedures of four quality certifications that foster the implementation of practices with positive repercussions on the environment, social wellbeing and product value.

● We produce organic yerba mate grown under the shade of native tree species. Harvesting, sales and certification approvals are done in conjunction with Guayaki.

● We validate and periodically improve our system practices in compliance with the recommendations and requirements of inspectors.

From the Atlantic Forest to our hands



Pruning yerba mate branches



The "ponchadas" or bags are transported to the industry, where they are dried, weighed and quality is controlled.



The drying stage of the yerba mate leaves begins, divided into "sapecado", pre-drying and drying.



The bags are transferred to a warehouse for its natural ageing (one or two years)



The process ends with the grinding and packaging of the yerba



Share a gourd filled with yerba mate!

Our edge

Experimental certification

As a foundation that implements practices on reserve land, we have the opportunity to do research and experiment with different certifications. This allows us to explore different methodologies and agroecological criteria for cultivating shade grown yerba mate.

Our data

Certifications of FAI's yerba mate plantations



OIA

Organización Internacional Agropecuaria - since 2011

Certifies organic practices. FAI's yerba mate plantations are certified by the National Organic Program regulated by the USDA for the US market, and also certifying the program for organic sales in Argentina.



<https://www.oia.com.ar/>



FFL

Fair For Life - since 2013

Certifies fair trade practices with the people involved in the production chain within responsible supply chains. We seek to strengthen a system in which trade can be a driving force for positive and sustainable change that benefits people and the environment.

<https://www.fairforlife.org/>



DEMETER

Agricultura Biodinámica - since 2015

This certification aims to identify products produced according to the principles of biodynamic agriculture. It is an indispensable requirement to have this certification for European ecological agricultural regulations.

<https://www.fundaciondemeter.com.ar/>



ROC

Regenerative Organic Certified - since 2019

Aims to promote holistic farming practices in an integral certification of the increase in organic matter in the soil over time and carbon capture below and on topsoil. This certification seeks to mitigate climate change, improve animal wellbeing, providing economic stability and equity for farmers.

<https://regenorganic.org/>