

Is there a distinction made between potato slips that have been produced using conventional methods (including the use of a fungicide during growing) and the treatment of potato slips after they have been pulled from the ground? I have conventionally produced potato slips that were treated with a prohibited fungicide while they were growing, but they were not treated after they were harvested. Can I use them?

Potato slips are planting stock under the NOP regulations. Planting stock treated with a prohibited substance, regardless of whether the prohibited substance is applied during production or post harvest, may not be used to produce an organic crop. The only exception would be planting stock treated with a prohibited substance required by a Federal or State phytosanitary requirement. [Section 205.204(a)(5); Preamble 80568.]

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