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The development of organic hops is a response to the worldwide trend of reducing horticultural sprays and to restrict fertilisers to organic manures. Organic hop farming is a positive management system, not just a case of halting the use of sprays and fertilisers. Organic status is a hard regime for those who want to be sure that chemicals are not used in hop production, but organic is currently the only acceptable and legally recognised standard of chemical-free produce and products. In New Zealand certification of organic hop production is provided by the New Zealand Biological Producers and Consumers Council, whose trade name is Bio-Gro New Zealand Ltd. Look out for the Bio-Gro New Zealand logo on our hop variety cards. We can currently offer seven varieties grown under the organic regime, and fully Bio-Gro Certified hop cones and hop pellets are available as follows:



- **Wakatu** [1]: 8-10% alpha. Balanced mix of floral and citrus characteristics
- Pacific Gem**: [2] 13-16% alpha. Strong bittering hop with delicate blackberry/floral nose
- Motueka**: [3] 7-8% alpha. Unique citrus aroma
- Nelson Sauvín**: [4] An aroma / dual purpose flavour hop with distinctive "New World" white wine characters (12-13 % AA)
- Taiheke** [5] 5-8% alpha. Bold spicy grapefruit aroma
- Rakau**: [6] A true dual purpose hop with stone fruit and fig characters and excellent bittering qualities. (10-11 % AA)
- Wai-iti**: [7] A fine aroma hop with fresh peaches and apricot characters within a weight of essential oils (2-4 % AA)

(These varieties are available as either organic or conventional)

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