The United Plant Savers’ Forest Grown Verified (FGV) program establishes a voluntary, third party verification for non-timber forest grown products that are produced and harvested in a sustainable and legal manner.

The FGV program standards apply to producers, harvesters, processors, and handlers of ten botanical products from forestland in the United States. The standards were developed through extensive research, scrutinization of federal and state regulations, consultations with industry professionals, and a thorough vetting process by United Plant Savers’, forest farming stakeholders, policymakers, and leading retail groups.

Visit www.forestgrown.org for program details and fees.

Organic certification is a separate process and not required in order to be eligible to apply for the Forest Grown Verified program.

HOW CAN I BENEFIT FROM THIS PROGRAM?

- Marketing advantage — builds consumer confidence, demand, and premium pricing within the US and internationally
- Documentation — protects your forest “crop” in the event of theft, land development, and legal matters
- Making a difference — being a part of the solution and conservation of forest botanicals
CHOOSE FROM THREE VERIFICATION LEVELS

1. FOREST FARMER
Cultivated plantings and wild plant populations must be documented, managed, and harvested in a sustainable manner that does not degrade the long-term regenerative capacity of the plant population.

2. PROCESSOR / HANDLER
For operations that process, consolidate, and handle products to be represented or sold as “Forest Grown Verified”.

3. PRODUCER / RETAILER
For manufacturers and sellers whose products include ingredients from Forest Grown Verified products and are marketed with the logo on the label.

Products Eligible for Verification
American ginseng
Black cohosh
Bloodroot
Blue cohosh
Goldenseal
Ramp or wild leek
Solomon’s seal
Stoneroot
Wild yam
Wood geranium

The number of non-timber forest products verified under the program will be increased to include other botanical and fungal products based on market and conservation needs.

To apply for verification visit
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