

ORGANIC STANDARDS

SEED PREPARATION

- Uses untreated seeds
- Never uses GMO seeds

SOIL & WATER

- Builds healthy soil through crop rotation, compost application, cover cropping and mulch
- 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 trap crops, planted to lure insects away from the cotton

HARVESTING

- Relies on seasonal freezes or applied heat for natural defoliation
- May stimulate defoliation through water management

ORGANIC COTTON CERTIFICATION

- Anvil uses organic cotton that is certified through independent third party certifying bodies to the USDA's NOP² standard

GIN, SPINNING and KNITTING

- Machinery is cleaned out before use to avoid contamination

DYEING and FINISHING

- Anvil uses dyes that are manufactured by companies that agree to conform to ETAD³ by-laws and code of conduct 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

CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

SOCIAL CERTIFICATIONS

- Anvil is a corporate signatory to SAI⁴, which promotes the SA 8000 standard. SA 8000 is firmly based on established international standards, including International Labour Organization (ILO) Conventions, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the Universal Declaration on Human Rights.
- Anvil's cut and sew facility in Honduras has been WRAP⁵ certified since 2005.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS

- Anvil supports the CERES Principles, a ten-point code of corporate environmental conduct.
- Anvil's environmental commitments include providing and promoting environmentally friendly and innovative products and effectively managing the impact we have on the environment.
- Visit us at anvilknitwear.com/csr to read our environmental and social responsibility policy.

RESOURCES

Anvil Knitwear, Inc. is a member of the Organic Trade Association (OTA) and the Organic Exchange (OE).

OTA

- The Organic Trade Association's mission is to promote and protect organic trade to benefit the environment, farmers, the public and the economy.
<http://www.ota.com>

OE

- The Organic Exchange's mission is to catalyze market forces to deliver sustained environmental, economic and social benefits through expansion of organic fiber agriculture.
<http://www.organicexchange.org>

¹ **USDA** United States Department of Agriculture

² **NOP** National Organic Program

³ **ETAD** Ecological and Toxicological Association of Dyes and Organic Pigments Manufacturers

⁴ **SAI** Social Accountability International

⁵ **WRAP** Worldwide Responsible Accredited Production

