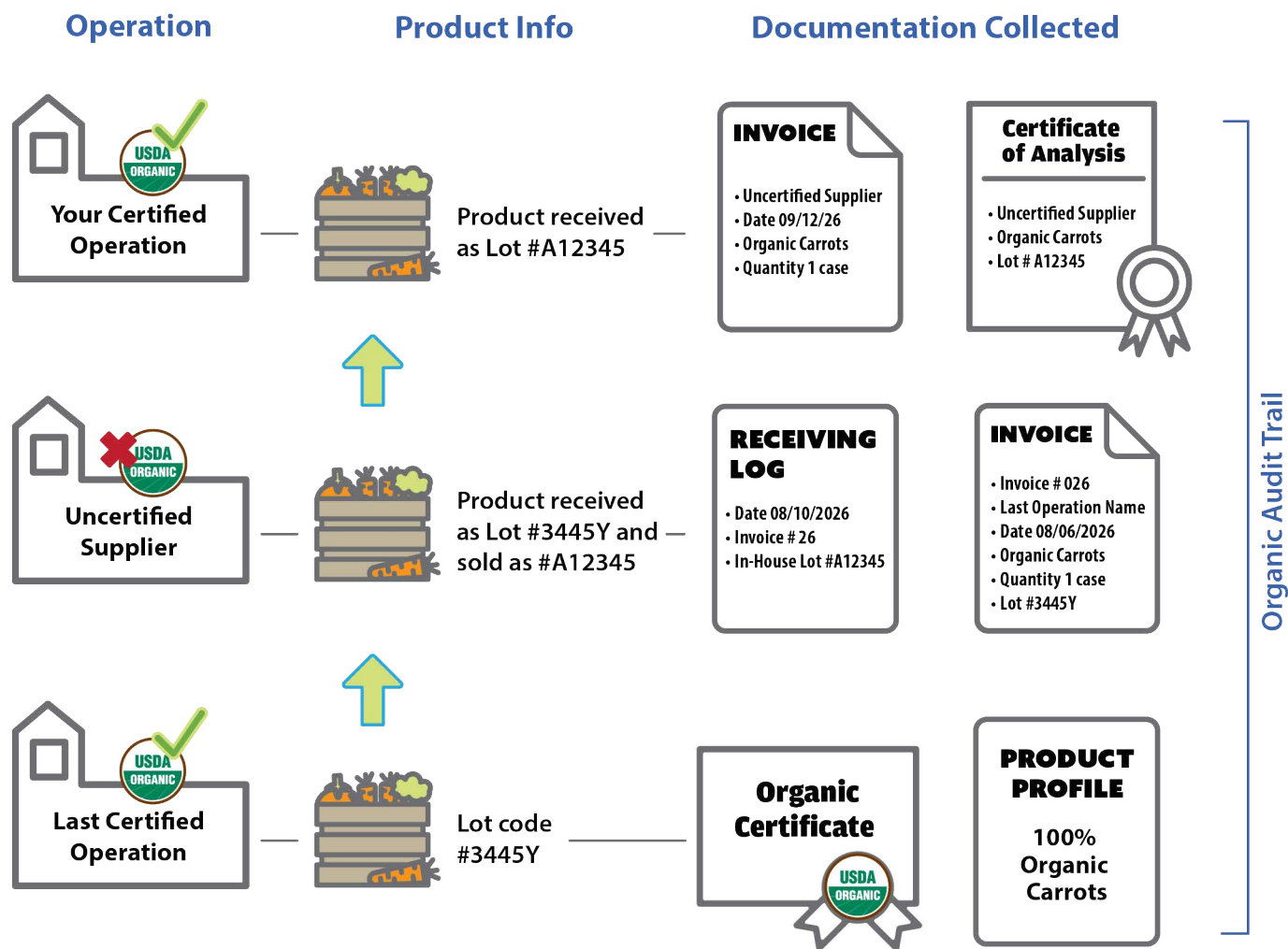




TRACING RECORDS THROUGH UNCERTIFIED SUPPLIERS

Certified handlers stay responsible for maintaining a complete audit trail, even when a product moves through one or more uncertified businesses along the way. The example below shows how that trail stays intact when tracing an ingredient back through an uncertified supplier to its certified source.



Even when one or more suppliers are exempt from certification, the audit trail must still connect the product back to the last certified operation. Certified handlers are responsible for maintaining the records needed to verify that connection.

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