

Decoding PLU Numbers

Here's a very interesting bit of information from our friends at [Serious Eats](#) about the numbers they put on those little stickers on items from the produce department..

Conventional produce gets a four-digit number.

Organic produce gets a five-digit number that starts with 9.

Genetically modified items also get a five-digit code, but that code starts with 8.

Examples

4139: Conventional Granny Smith apple

94139: Organic Granny Smith

84139: GMO Granny Smith