

Laser marking produce could eliminate labels and packaging



The most sustainable form of packaging around is no packaging at all—if you ask Dutch organic produce company Nature & More. The company recently announced that it would team with Swedish supermarket chain ICA to begin marking its organic fruits and vegetables with Natural Branding, an organic version of laser marking already in use by other produce providers that removes a bit of pigment from the outer layer of the peel with a laser beam. Avocados and sweet potatoes will be the first Nature & More products to carry the marking, which the company bills as an alternative to using stickers or plastic foil to distinguish organic produce from non-organic produce. By switching to Natural Branding, the company expects to eliminate over 725,000 packaging units next year for avocados alone.

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