



NATURAL SOURCING™

Specialists in Cosmeceutical Ingredients

NATURAL SOURCING FEATURES ORGANIC PRICKLY PEAR SEED OIL

Highly Stable • Excellent Source of Tocopherols

Oxford, CT (November 6, 2014) - Natural Sourcing is pleased to feature its premium Organic Prickly Pear Seed Oil within its growing line of specialty organic ingredients for use in innovative personal care product formulations.

INCI: Opuntia ficus indica (Prickly Pear) Seed Oil

Method of Extraction: Cold Pressed

Shelf Life: 2 Years

Origin: Tunisia

Originally native to Mexico and South America, the prickly pear is an edible and nutritious cactus that is now grown throughout the world, particularly in South Africa, Australia, southwestern United States and parts of southern Europe. The fruit and stems are eaten in many cultures as a nutritious, seasonal treat.

Organic Prickly Pear Seed oil is a highly stable oil and is an excellent source of tocopherols (anti-oxidants). The oil possesses an astonishingly high percentage (over 80%) of unsaturated fatty acids with a linoleic acid content of 59%.

Natural Sourcing Organic Prickly Pear Seed Oil is NOP certified. It is carefully sourced and packaged to maintain the purity, freshness and beneficial properties of this remarkably nutritive, cold pressed oil.

Uses:

Organic Prickly Pear Seed Oil is a light, quick absorbing, stable and highly versatile oil. Its significant content of tocopherols makes it a potent antioxidant. It improves skin elasticity and is an effective addition to anti-aging formulations. Organic Prickly Pear Seed Oil is an effective moisturizer and leaves the skin feeling velvety soft. Organic Prickly Pear Seed Oil can also be used to moisturize dry and damaged hair and to restore the health of nails and cuticles.

Organic Prickly Pear Seed Oil Properties:

- Medium Viscosity
- Rapid Absorption
- Clear to Yellow/Green in Color
- High Percentage of Unsaturated Fatty Acids (80%)
- Significant Content of Essential and Other Fatty Acids:
 - C18:2 Linoleic: 55.0-65.0%
 - C18:1 Oleic: 20.0-30.0%
 - C16:0 Palmitic: 10.0-14.0%
 - C18:0 Stearic: 2.5-5.5%
 - C16:1 Palmitoleic: Maximum 1.0%
 - C18:3 Linolenic: Maximum 1.0%
- Rich in Vitamin E
- Potent Anti-Oxidant
- Good Source of Alpha (α -), Beta (β -) and Sigma (δ -) Tocopherols
- Strong Anti-Inflammatory



Organic Prickly Pear Seed Oil is Suitable for the Following Personal Care Applications:

- Moisturizers
- Anti-Aging Products
- Hair Care
- Nail Care
- Lip Care

About Natural Sourcing, LLC:

Natural Sourcing specializes in the procurement and supply of over 500 natural ingredients for cosmeceutical, spa, massage and aromatherapy applications. Ingredients are carefully selected for their quality and functionality in skin care, hair care and beauty treatments. Natural Sourcing's ingredient lines consist of nutritive specialty ingredients including berry oils, organic beeswax, organic shea butter, pomegranate oil and watermelon seed oil. Additionally, Natural Sourcing offers over 25 categories of natural ingredients.

Natural Sourcing is a member of the Organic Trade Association and has its organic certification through CCOF. Natural Sourcing is dedicated towards becoming an increasingly strong presence in the growing awareness of the importance and benefits of organic skin care.

Natural Sourcing operates a 30,000 square foot facility in Oxford, Connecticut.

Customers and interested parties can learn more about Natural Sourcing or request a brochure and product samples by visiting its Web site or by calling its Customer Care department.