

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Betsy Rakola, Grants Management Specialist, National Organic Program, USDA/AMS/NOP, Room 2646-South, Ag Stop 0268, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0268; Telephone: (202) 720-3252.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program is authorized under 7 U.S.C. 6523, as amended by section 10301 of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (Act). The Act authorizes the Department to provide certification cost-share assistance to producers and handlers of organic agricultural products in all States. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2008, the AMS has allocated \$22 million for this program to be distributed through cooperative agreements to interested States, until such funding has been exhausted. The Program provides financial assistance to organic producers and handlers certified to the NOP. The NOP is authorized under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.*).

To participate in the program, interested States, through their State Department of Agriculture, must complete an Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424) and enter into a written cooperative agreement with AMS. State Department of Agriculture refers to agencies, commissions, or departments of State government responsible for implementing regulation, policy or programs on agriculture within their State. The program will provide cost-share assistance, through participating States, to organic producers and handlers receiving certification or continuation of certification by a USDA accredited certifying agent commencing October 1, 2010, through September 30, 2011. Under the Act, cost-share assistance payments are limited to 75 percent of an individual producer's or handler's certification costs up to a maximum of \$750.00 per year.

To receive cost-share assistance, organic producers and handlers must submit an application to the representative Agency of the State in which their farm/operation is located. This application must include: (1) Proof of NOP certification issued or continued within the cost-share qualifying period, October 1, 2010, through September 30, 2011, and; (2) an itemized invoice demonstrating costs incurred for NOP certification. Costs incurred for non-certification activities, such as, membership associations or farm/operation inputs are not eligible for assistance through this program.

However, for producers in the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming cost-share funding is available to these states, through their State Department of Agriculture, under the Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) Organic Certification Cost-Share Program authorized under Section 1524 of the Federal Crop Insurance Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1501-1524). As provided in a notice of Funds Availability published in the **Federal Register** completed applications for the AMA Federal assistance program, along with signed cooperative agreements must be received by close of business, September 24, 2010. Information on the AMA program can be found under "Organic Cost Share Program" on the NOP's homepage at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.

How to Submit Applications: To receive fund allocations to provide cost-share assistance, a State Department of Agriculture must complete an Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424), and enter into a written cooperative agreement with AMS. AMS encourages interested States to submit the Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424), electronically via Grants.gov, the Federal grants Web site, <http://www.grants.gov>. Applications submitted electronically via Grants.gov must be filed by September 24, 2010. A hardcopy of Standard Form 424 bearing an original signature is not required when applying through <http://www.grants.gov>. However, the cooperative agreement must have the original signature of the official who has authority to apply for Federal assistance. The signed cooperative agreement must be sent by express mail or courier service and received at the above address by September 24, 2010. States considering submitting electronic application forms should become familiar with the Grants.gov Web site and begin the application process well in advance of the application deadline. For information on how to apply electronically, please consult <http://www.grants.gov/GetRegistered>.

State Agencies submitting hard copy applications should submit a signed copy of Standard Form 424 and a signed copy of the cooperative agreement the application package to AMS at the address listed above. The Standard Form 424 and the cooperative agreement must have the original signature of the official who has authority to apply for Federal

assistance. Hard copy applications should be sent only via express mail or courier service and must be received at the above address by September 24, 2010.

The National Organic Certification Cost-share Program is listed in the "Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance" under number 10.163 and subject agencies must adhere to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which bars discrimination in all Federally-assisted programs. Additional information on the National Organic Certification Cost-share Program can be found under "Organic Cost Share Program" on the NOP's homepage at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

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Notice of Agricultural Management Assistance Organic Certification Cost-Share Program

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Funds Availability. Inviting Applications for the Agricultural Management Assistance Organic Certification Cost-Share Program.

SUMMARY: This Notice invites the following eligible States: Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming, to submit an Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424), and to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) for the Allocation of Organic Certification Cost-Share Funds. The AMS has allocated \$1.495 million for this organic certification cost-share program in Fiscal Year 2010. Funds are available under this program to 16 designated States to provide cost-share assistance to organic crop and livestock producers certified under the National Organic Program (NOP). Eligible States interested in obtaining cost-share funds for their organic producers will have to submit an Application for Federal

Assistance, and enter into a cooperative agreement with AMS for allocation of funds.

DATES: Completed applications for Federal assistance along with signed cooperative agreements must be received by close of business, September 24, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Applications for Federal assistance and cooperative agreements shall be submitted to: Betsy Rakola, Grants Management Specialist, National Organic Program, USDA/AMS/TMP/NOP, Room 2640—South, Ag Stop 0268, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0264; Telephone: (202) 720-3252. Additional information can be found under “Organic Cost Share Program” on the National Organic Program’s homepage at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Betsy Rakola, Grants Management Specialist, National Organic Program, USDA/AMS/TM/NOP, Room 2640—South, Ag Stop 0268, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-0268; Telephone: (202) 720-3252.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Organic Certification Cost-Share Program is part of the Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) Program authorized under the Federal Crop Insurance Act (FCIA), as amended, (7 U.S.C. 1524). Under the applicable FCIA provisions, the Department is authorized to provide cost-share assistance to organic producers in the States of Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming. The AMS has allocated \$1.495 million for this organic certification cost-share program in Fiscal Year 2010. This organic certification cost-share program provides financial assistance to organic producers certified to the NOP authorized under the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990, as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.*). This program is in addition to and separate from the National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program which is also administered by AMS and is open to all States and U.S. Territories.

To participate in the program, eligible States, through their State Department of Agriculture, must complete an Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424) and enter into a written cooperative agreement with AMS. State Department of Agriculture refers to agencies, commissions, or departments of State government

responsible for implementing regulation, policy or programs on agriculture within their State. The program will provide cost-share assistance, through participating States, to organic crop and livestock producers receiving certification or continuation of certification by a USDA accredited certifying agent commencing October 1, 2010, through September 30, 2011. The Department has determined that payments will be limited to 75 percent of an individual producer’s certification costs up to a maximum of \$750.00.

To receive cost-share assistance, organic producers must submit an application to the representative Agency of the State in which their farm/operation is located. This application must include: (1) Proof of NOP certification issued or continued within the cost-share qualifying period, October 1, 2010, through September 30, 2011, and (2) an itemized invoice demonstrating costs incurred for NOP certification. Costs incurred for non-certification activities, such as, membership associations or farm/operation inputs are not eligible for assistance through this program. Assistance provided to eligible producers under this cost-share program is included under the Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) Program. Total amount of cost-share payments provided to any eligible producer under all AMA programs cannot exceed \$50,000.

How To Submit Applications: To receive fund allocations to provide cost-share assistance, a State Department of Agriculture must complete an Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424), and enter into a written cooperative agreement with AMS. AMS encourages interested States to submit the Application for Federal Assistance, (Standard Form 424) electronically via www.grants.gov, the Federal grants Web site, <http://www.grants.gov>. Applications submitted electronically via www.grants.gov must be filed by September 24, 2010. A hardcopy of Standard Form 424 bearing an original signature is not required when applying through <http://www.grants.gov>. However, the cooperative agreement must have the original signature of the official who has authority to apply for Federal assistance. The signed cooperative agreement must be sent by express mail or courier service and received at the above address by September 24, 2010. States considering submitting electronic application forms should become familiar with the Grants.Gov Web site and begin the application process well in advance of the application deadline.

For information on how to apply electronically, please consult <http://www.grants.gov/GetRegistered>.

State Agencies submitting hard copy applications should submit a signed copy of Standard Form 424 and a signed copy of the cooperative agreement to AMS at the address listed above. The Standard Form 424 and the cooperative agreement must have the original signature of the official who has authority to apply for Federal assistance. Hard copy applications should be sent only via express mail or courier service and must be received at the above address by September 24, 2010.

The AMA Organic Certification Cost-Share Program is listed in the “Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance” under number 10.163 and subject agencies must adhere to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which bars discrimination in all Federally assisted programs. Additional information on the AMA Organic Certification Cost-Share Program can be found under “Organic Cost Share Program” on the NOP’s homepage at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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Pale Cyst Nematode; Update of Quarantined Areas

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of changes to quarantined area.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that we have made changes to the area in the State of Idaho that is quarantined to prevent the spread of pale cyst nematode. The description of the quarantined area was updated on April 26, 2010. As a result of these changes, 209 acres have been removed from the quarantined area.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jonathan M. Jones, National Program Manager, Emergency and Domestic Programs, PPG, 4700 River Road Unit 160, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-5038.