DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[No. TM–06–10]

Notice of Agricultural Management Assistance Organic Certification Cost Share Program

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice invites eligible States to submit a Standard Form 424, Application for Federal Assistance, 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 $1.0 million for this organic certification cost-share program in Fiscal Year 2006. Funds will be available under this program to 15 designated States to assist organic crop and livestock producers certified by the Department of Agriculture (USDA) accredited certifying agents to 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 will have to enter into a cooperative agreement with AMS for the allocation of such funds.

DATES: Completed applications for Federal assistance along with signed cooperative agreements must be received by September 6, 2006, in order to participate in this program.

ADDRESSES: Applications for federal assistance and cooperative agreements shall be requested from and submitted to: Robert Pooler, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, National Organic Program, USDA/AMS/TMP/NOP, Room 4008–South, Ag Stop 0268, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–0268; Telephone: (202) 720–3252; Fax: (202) 205–7808; E-mail: robert.pooler@usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Pooler, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, National Organic Program, USDA/AMS/TMP/NOP, Room 4008–South, Ag Stop 0268, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–0268; Telephone: (202) 720–3252; Fax: (202) 205–7808; E-mail: robert.pooler@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: This Organic Certification Cost-Share Program is part of the Agricultural Management Assistance 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 producers in the States of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming. 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.)

To participate in the program, eligible States must complete a Standard Form 424, Application for Federal Assistance, and enter into a written cooperative agreement with AMS. The program will provide cost-share assistance, through participating States, to organic crop and livestock producers receiving certification or update of certification by a USDA accredited certifying agent from October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007. The Department has determined that payments will be limited to 75 percent of an individual producer’s certification costs up to a maximum of $500.00.


Dated: August 1, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Information Collection; Request for Comment; Application for Permit, Non-Federal Commercial Use of Roads Restricted by Order

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Forest Service is seeking comments from all interested individuals and organizations on the extension of a currently approved information collection, Application for Permit, Non-Federal Commercial Use of Roads Restricted by Order.