

**NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) – Organic Initiative – FY 2013
Producer Self-Certification Template - TRANSITIONING**

To: District Conservationist
NRCS

For your consideration, I have submitted an application through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to assist me with transitioning my farm or ranch to an organic production system.

By this letter, I hereby acknowledge that in order to receive organic-related technical and financial assistance through EQIP, I agree:

1. *To develop and implement conservation practices for certified organic production which are consistent with an organic system plan* in accordance with provisions established in the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Farm Bill) and to standards established in the National Organic Programs (NOP) Act (7 U.S.C. Sections 6501-6522), and
2. Have contacted the following USDA-accredited certifying agent to begin the process of transitioning to organic according to requirements of the National Organic Programs (NOP) Act (7 U.S.C. Sections 6501-6522).

Transition Period: _____
Certifying Agent: Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone No: _____

I understand that if I do not meet this requirement during the period while transitioning to organic production, my EQIP program contract may be terminated and I may be responsible for repayment of benefits received and possible assessment of liquidated damages. I also understand that should my organic funded contract be terminated due to noncompliance with these provisions, no other USDA program contracts I may have will be impacted or penalized due to noncompliance with the organic program.

Signed: _____
Date: _____