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ASSISTANCE FOR CERTIFIED ORGANIC

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service provides technical and financial assistance to producers who are certified organic or exempt from organic certification.

Key areas of conservation assistance that also help meet **USDA National Organic Program** requirements include:

soil health

EROSION CONTROL
ORGANIC MATTER
NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT
CROP ROTATIONS

biodiversity

HEDGEROWS & BUFFERS
HABITAT FOR WILDLIFE, POLLINATORS AND BENEFICIAL INSECTS

livestock practices

PASTURE & GRAZING MANAGEMENT
DIVERSE PASTURE PLANTINGS
FENCING, WALKWAYS
WATERING FACILITIES

NRCS PROVIDES FREE ASSISTANCE TO ALL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS.

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TYPES OF ASSISTANCE

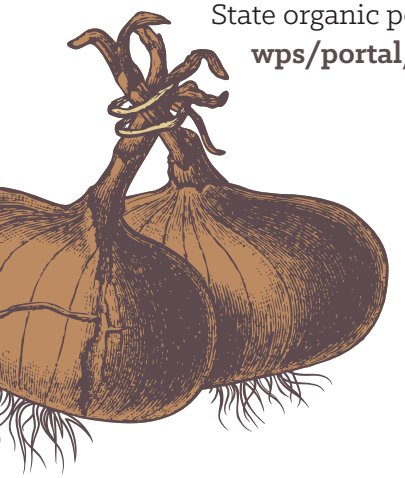
NRCS provides free technical assistance to all agricultural producers. For all programs, producers must control or own the land and be in compliance with highly erodible land and wetland conservation requirements and, in some states, sodsaver provisions; additional requirements are unique to each program. Learn more at **www.nrcs.usda.gov/farmbill**.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM ORGANIC INITIATIVE

EQIP provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to help plan and implement conservation practices that address natural resource concerns and for opportunities to improve soil, water, plant, animal, air and related resources on agricultural land. To qualify for the Organic Initiatives, producers must be certified organic, transitional, or exempt from certification. Payments are made to eligible participants after conservation practices and activities identified in an EQIP plan are implemented. Contracts can be up to $20,000 annually, and/or up to $80,000 over a six-year contract.

GET STARTED

Producers should visit their local USDA Service Center at **http://offices.usda.gov** to meet with an NRCS conservationist, or contact their state office to ask for their State organic point of contact at **www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/contact/states**.



Contact Us

To learn more about opportunities for technical and financial assistance, producers should contact their local NRCS service center, at **http://offices.usda.gov**

To learn more about organics, visit the USDA organic website **www.usda.gov/organic**, or the NRCS organic website **www.nrcs.usda.gov/organic**

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