



Switching Certifiers

According to 7 CFR 205.406

§ 205.406 Continuation of certification.

(a) To continue certification, a certified operation must annually pay the certification fees and submit the following information, as applicable, to the certifying agent:

(1) An updated organic production or handling system plan which includes:

(i) A summary statement, supported by documentation, detailing any deviations from, changes to, modifications to, or other amendments made to the previous year's organic system plan during the previous year; and

(ii) Any additions or deletions to the previous year's organic system plan, intended to be undertaken in the coming year, detailed pursuant to § 205.200;

(2) Any additions to or deletions from the information required pursuant to § 205.401(b);

(3) An update on the correction of minor noncompliances previously identified by the certifying agent as requiring correction for continued certification; and

(4) Other information as deemed necessary by the certifying agent to determine compliance with the Act and the regulations in this part.

The producer must surrender their certificate by March 1st for Crops, Livestock or Wild Crops or October 1st for Processors/Handlers. Otherwise, all producers must submit their annual renewal paperwork and fees by the appropriate deadline.

The KDA Organic Certification Program staff is always willing to communicate with the proposed new certifier at the new certifiers behest.

If you have any questions at all pertaining to this new policy, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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