



USDA AMS NOP 2008 CERTIFIER TRAINING

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The USDA National Organic Program (NOP) will conduct certifier training on the NOP regulations at three locations in 2008. The first session will be held in conjunction with the annual National Association of State Organic Programs (NASOP) / ACA Inc., meeting in Louisville, Kentucky. The second session will be at the BioFach Conference in Nuremberg, Germany. The third session will be at the All Things Organic Trade Show in Chicago, Illinois. Representatives from USDA Accredited Certifying Agents and State Organic Programs are encouraged to attend.

1) 2008 NASOP Meeting / ACA, Inc. Training Conference

Date: January 14, 2008, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Location: Galt House Hotel (phone: 502-589-5200)
140 North 4th Avenue
Louisville, Kentucky

Fee and Registration: There is no fee to attend the NOP Training Session, preregistration is required. Fee and registration may be required for the NASOP / ACA Inc. conference.

Accommodations and Additional Information: www.accreditedcertifiers.org.

2) 2008 BioFach Conference

Date: February 20, 2008, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Location: Ringhotel Loew's Merkur
Pillenreuther Straße 1
90459 Nuremberg, Germany
Room: Europasaal 2

Fee and Registration: There is no fee to attend the NOP Training Session. Registration for the training session is required. Fee and registration are required for the BioFach Conference.

Accommodations and Additional Information: www.biofach.de/main/Page.html.

3) All Things Organic Trade Show

Date: April 26, 2008, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: McCormick Place South - Room S102D
Chicago, Illinois

Fee and Registration: There is no fee to attend the NOP Training Session. Registration is required. Fee and registration are required for the ATO Trade Show

Accommodations and Additional Information: www.ota.com.

To register for the NOP training sessions:

- Participation is limited to accredited certifying agents and State organic programs.
- Contact the NOP administrative assistant at 202-720-3252 to register. Due to limited seating at each training session, there is a 2 person registration limit per agency, except by prior approval.

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