



USDA AMS NOP TRAINING SESSION:
Denver, Colorado
INFORMATION SHEET

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The USDA National Organic Program (NOP) will hold a training session on NOP regulation implementation at the USDA AMS LS Meat Grading Certification Branch (MGCB) Training Facility in Golden, Colorado. Representatives from USDA Accredited Certifying Agencies and State Organic Programs are encouraged to attend.

Dates: March 14, 2006, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Location: MGCB Training Room, Golden, Colorado

Fee and Registration: There is no fee to attend the NOP training session. Registration for the training session is required.

Directions, Accommodations and Additional Information:

Location: The MGCB Office of Tele-Operations (OTOP) Conference/Training room is located near the foothills west of Denver in the Denver West Office Park. It is easily accessed from Interstate 70 at exit #263. From westbound I-70, after exiting turn right onto Denver West Blvd. Turn right again at Denver West Parkway and watch for Building 53 (third building on the right). From eastbound I-70, after exiting turn right onto Denver West Blvd. and then right onto Denver West Parkway. Watch for Building 53 (third building on the right).

Denver International Airport (DIA) is approximately 35 miles northeast of the Denver West Office Park. From DIA, go southwest on Pena Blvd. (the main road to/from DIA) to I-70 westbound to exit #263 (Denver West Blvd.) and turn right after exiting. Turn right again at Denver West Parkway and watch for Building 53 (third building on the right).

Parking: Vehicle parking is prohibited at the front of the building (**reserved for patients**). Ample vehicle parking is located on either side of the building. **Park on either side of the building -- not in front.**

Training facility and room: The door to the training room is locked unless it is in use. Normal business hours are 6:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Seating capacity of 45 (classroom style), Plasma screens, In-ceiling speakers and microphones.

One soft drink machine and one snack vending machine are located in the building. There is a full size refrigerator in the room, and coffee will be provided by NOP.

Accommodations: There are no hotels within easy walking distance. There is a Marriott at the intersection of Denver West Blvd., Denver West Pkwy. and I-70. However, we recommend Holiday

Inn Denver West Village, 14707 West Colfax Ave., Golden, CO 80401, 303-279-7611. The hotel is within two miles of the OFO Conference/Training room. There are many restaurants and eateries within easy walking distance of the Holiday Inn. The Colorado Mills Mall is across the street from the Holiday Inn and there are also places to eat there as well. Directions to the hotel are: follow the directions from I-70 westbound, except turn left onto Denver West Blvd. after exiting. Move over to the right lane as you will make a right onto Colfax within 1/3 of a mile. Watch for the Holiday Inn on your right. You will encounter the first entrance before you get to the intersection of Colfax and Indiana streets. If you miss the first entrance, you can turn right on Indiana and enter that way.

The following Internet site has information about the area in general. www.denverwest.com.

To register for the NOP training sessions:

- Contact Ms. Francine Torres at francine.torres@usda.gov to register persons attending the training.
- Room Capacity is 45. There is a 2 person registration limit per agency and preference will be given to accredited certifying agencies. However, anyone may register if space is still available less than 14 days prior to the session.
- Attendees may submit questions they would like to be addressed during the training session.

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