

USDA AMS NOP CERTIFIER MEETING

Asilomar Conference Center Pacific Grove, California January 23, 2007

The USDA National Organic Program (NOP) will hold a certifier meeting and training session on NOP regulation implementation at the Asilomar Conference Center in conjunction with the Ecological Farming Conference. The meeting will cover a number of issues regarding certifier activities and the proper application of the NOP regulations. Representatives from USDA accredited certifying agents and state organic programs are encouraged to attend.

Date: January 23, 2007

<u>Time</u>: 9:00 – 5:00 pm

Location: Asilomar Conference Center, Pacific Grove, California

<u>Who may attend</u>: NOP accredited certifying agents or their representatives. There is a 2-person registration limit per certifying agency. If space is still available less than 14 days prior to the session, the 2 person limit will be waived until all available spaces are taken.

<u>Fee and registration</u>: There is no fee to attend the meeting and training session, but advanced registration is required. Fee and registration are required for the Ecological Farming Conference.

Directions, accomodations, additional information: www.eco-farm.org.

To register for the NOP Meeting:

- Contact Ms. Francine Torres by e-mail at <u>francine.torres@usda.gov</u> or by fax at 202-205-7808 to register persons attending the meeting and training session.
- Attendees may submit questions they would like to be addressed during the training session.

For information or submit questions for consideration, contact J.D. Melvin at (202) 720-3252 or via email at jonathan.melvin@usda.gov.