

# Congratulations!

## NOW THAT YOU'RE CERTIFIED, WHAT'S NEXT?



Now that your operation is USDA Certified Organic by MOFGA, here are some things to keep in mind that will make the certification process seamless and easy!

### 1 RECERTIFICATION IS AN ANNUAL REQUIREMENT!

Each January you will receive information on how to update your organic system plan (OSP) for the year and pay your fees. You will be inspected annually. Be sure to keep your records!



### 2 COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR SPECIALIST

Every certified operation is assigned a specialist, who reviews your OSP and inspection report and keeps your file in order. Any changes to your OSP during the year must be communicated to your specialist. If you are uncertain who it is, check your review letter or give us a call!



### 3 ORGANIC LABELING

Now that you are certified you may use the MOFGA Certified and USDA logos on your labels. You can find them on our website, or contact us to have them emailed to you. Be sure your specialist proofs your label before you have it printed.



### 4 FEDERAL ORGANIC COST-SHARE REBATE PROGRAMS

These annual programs reimburse certified growers and handlers up to 50% of their certification costs, up to a maximum of \$500 per production scope. Your annual fees must be paid in full and you must have a W9 vendor form filed with the state in order to receive the rebate.



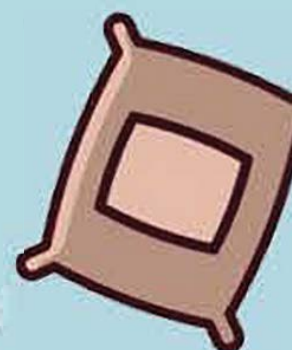
### 5 STAY INFORMED

Keep up to date with the organic rule by signing up for the *Organic Insider* ([www.ams.usda.gov/reports/organic-insider](http://www.ams.usda.gov/reports/organic-insider)). MCS publishes *The Organic Sprout* twice a year, full of timely information. You will also receive regular electronic newsletters from MOFGA's Farmer Programs.



### 6 USE THE BENEFITS

MOFGA offers many benefits to certified organic farmers - discounted booth fee at "the Fair," free technical and marketing advice from MOFGA's Farmer Programs, the *MOF&G* paper and discounts at events and trainings.



### 7 SPREAD THE WORD!

Spread the word that you are certified organic! Display the banner and your certificate, use social media, add it to your website, signage and business cards. Consult the Farmer Resources pages on [mofga.org](http://mofga.org) for more resources.

