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# **USDA Webinar Introduces Organic Agriculture** and the National Organic Program



Consumers continue to purchase organic products, and organic sales increase every year. Many producers are interested in 'growing organic' to access new markets, but they may not know where to start. Join USDA Farm Service Agency and National Organic Program (NOP) Quality Manager, Rebecca Claypool and Program Analyst Laura Gallagher to learn about the organic certification process in a webinar on Tuesday, October 11, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm Eastern.

Rebecca and Laura will help you understand what it means to grow organically and will demystify the certification process. They'll provide some examples of organic farming practices and explain how to find and contact an organic certifier. They will also share technical and financial assistance resources that can help you navigate the transition to organic production or support your existing organic farm.

Organic Agriculture and National Organic Program Webinar Tuesday, October 11, 2022 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Eastern Register Here

## **RMA Roadshow Virtual Workshops**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is offering virtual workshops – on Oct. 11, Oct. 13, Nov. 15, and Dec. 13 – for agricultural producers and stakeholders to learn about the latest updates and improvements to the Whole-Farm Revenue Protection (WFRP) and the Micro Farm insurance options, two of the most comprehensive risk management options available. These insurance options are especially important to specialty crop, organic, urban, and direct market producers, and this is part of the USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) efforts to increase participation in these options and crop insurance overall.



RMA will host these workshops for agricultural producers via Microsoft Teams events:

- Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 11 a.m. ET (<u>click to join</u>)
- Thursday, Oct. 13 at 4 p.m. ET (<u>click to join</u>)
- Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. PT (<u>click to join</u>)
- Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 11 a.m. ET (<u>click to join</u>)

RSVP is not required. Attendees will have a chance to submit written questions during the event.

Learn more.

## Taxes and USDA Programs



Tax time is a busy time of year for business owners and farmers. Navigating filing your taxes can be challenging, especially if you are new to running a farm business, participated in disaster programs for the first time or are trying to forecast your farm's tax bill. Receiving funds from USDA through activities such as conservation program payments for a disaster program is considered farm income that includes a tax liability.

To better support America's farmers, USDA has partnered with tax experts from across the country to connect producers with information and resources related to USDA program payments, asset protection and the important relationships between federal income taxes and USDA farm programs.

Upcoming Webinar on Hobby Losses Monday, October 17, 2022 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm Eastern Register Here

A wealth of information including previously recorded webinars, PowerPoint presentations and a Tax Estimator Tool can be found at farmers.gov/taxes.

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