

# USDA Assistance for Certified Organic or Transitioning to Organic Production

## What Assistance is Available?

- Short-term contracts to assist eligible producers with installing priority core organic conservation practices, such as Conservation Crop Rotation, Cover Crop, High Tunnels, Nutrient Management, Pest Management, and Prescribed Grazing.
- Other appropriate conservation practices that improve the condition of the soil, reduce soil erosion, protect water quality, or improve pollinator habitat and grazing land health are also available.
- Technical assistance is available to the following eligible producers:
  - Existing certified organic producers in carrying out conservation practices
  - Producers transitioning their farm to an organic system willing to implement conservation practices for certified organic production
- Financial assistance to reduce producer costs

## How Does a Producer Apply?

- Contact a local USDA-NRCS office or Conservation District Office: <http://offices.sc.egov.usda>
- Producers interested in specially targeted EQIP funds for organic operations should provide a copy of their Organic System Plan if certified or provide the name and contact information of the certifying organization if transitioning.
- New and beginning farmers, African Americans, American Indians, Alaskan Natives, Hispanics, and Asians or Pacific Islanders may be eligible for higher payments in some programs.

## When Do I Apply?

- Now! Applications are accepted on a continuous basis throughout the year with periodic pooling dates to evaluate, rank, prioritize, and select applicants.

## For Additional Information...

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