

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
 AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE  
 FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAMS

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC HANDLER APPLICATION FOR  
 EXEMPTION FROM MARKETING PROMOTION ASSESSMENT  
 PAID UNDER FEDERAL MARKETING ORDERS**

**SECTION 1 - HANDLER APPLICATION**

To request an exemption from assessment under the applicable Federal marketing orders, the handler must operate under an approved organic process system plan authorized by the National Organic Program (NOP), and handle or market only products that are eligible for a 100% organic product label under the NOP. The information on this form is required to make a determination concerning a handler's eligibility for exemption. **PLEASE SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO THE APPROPRIATE MARKETING COMMITTEE/BOARD.**

TO:   DATE:   
 MARKETING COMMITTEE/BOARD MARKETING ORDER NUMBER

APPLICANT'S NAME:

NAME OF COMPANY:

MAILING ADDRESS:

CITY  STATE  ZIP

TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code):

FAX NUMBER (Include Area Code):

E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional):

IN ORDER TO BE EXEMPT, THE ABOVE-NAMED ENTITY **MUST** MEET ALL OF THE FOLLOWING (*Please check*):

- Operate under an approved organic process system plan authorized by the National Organic Program (NOP), and handle or market products that are eligible for a 100% organic product label under the NOP.
- Is not a split operation as defined by the Organic Foods Production Act (OFPA) and the NOP.
- Is subject to assessments under the Federal marketing order program for which this exemption is requested.

PLEASE LIST ALL COMMODITIES HANDLED OR MARKETED, AND CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX(ES): (*Attach separate sheet, if necessary*)

COMMODITY HANDLED/ MARKETED	ELIGIBLE TO BE LABELED AS 100 % ORGANIC?	COMMODITY HANDLED/ MARKETED	ELIGIBLE TO BE LABELED AS 100% ORGANIC?
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IF APPLICABLE, PLEASE INDICATE THE NUMBER OF PRODUCERS FOR WHOM YOU HANDLE OR MARKET, AND INCLUDE YOURSELF IN THE TOTAL IF YOU HANDLE OR MARKET YOUR OWN PRODUCTION:

A COPY OF YOUR ORGANIC HANDLING OPERATION CERTIFICATE PROVIDED BY A USDA-ACCREDITED CERTIFYING AGENT UNDER THE OFPA AND THE NOP **MUST BE ATTACHED; AND,**

IF APPLICABLE, A COPY OF YOUR NOP PRODUCER CERTIFICATE, AND AN NOP CERTIFICATE FOR EACH ADDITIONAL PRODUCER, FOR WHOM YOU HANDLE OR MARKET, **MUST BE ATTACHED.**

I certify that my firm meets these requirements and is eligible for an organic assessment exemption under the above-named Federal marketing order for the 20  through 20  assessment period.

Signature

Title

Date

Any false statement or misrepresentation may result in a fine of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment for not more than five years, or both. (18 U.S.C. 1001).

SECTION 2 - COMMITTEE/BOARD NOTIFICATION OF EXEMPTION (To be completed by Committee or Board only)

Your application dated requesting exemption from marketing promotion assessments, including paid advertising, as specified under the provisions of § 900.700 has been:

Approved, subject to compliance with § 900.700 regulations for the 20  through 20  assessment period.

Disapproved (Attached are the reasons for disapproval)

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Marketing Committee/Board Representative Signature

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Date

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