

ORGANIC RESEARCH, PROMOTION, AND INFORMATION ORDER

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OMB No. 0581-NEW

Dual-Covered Commodity Exemption Request Form

The information on this form is required to make a determination concerning a person’s eligibility for exemption from assessments under the Organic Research and Promotion Program. Entities eligible to submit this request are those that are currently eligible for organic assessment exemption under the regulations of 24 Federal marketing orders and 22 research and promotion (R&P) programs AND that have committed to participate in one or more of the orders or programs listed below:

Exempt commodities under R&P Programs	Exempt commodities under Federal Marketing Orders
Beef—7 CFR part 1260; Christmas trees—7 CFR part 1214; Cotton—7 CFR part 1205; Dairy—7 CFR part 1150; Eggs—7 CFR part 1250; Fluid milk—7 CFR part 1160; Hass Avocados—7 CFR part 1219; Highbush Blueberries—7 CFR part 1218; Honey—7 CFR part 1212; Lamb—7 CFR part 1280; Mangos—7 CFR part 1206; Mushrooms—7 CFR part 1209; Paper and Paper-Based Packaging—7 CFR part 1222; Peanuts—7 CFR part 1216; Popcorn—7 CFR part 1215; Pork—7 CFR part 1230; Potatoes—7 CFR part 1207; Processed Raspberries—7 CFR part 1208; Softwood Lumber—7 CFR part 1217; Sorghum—7 CFR part 1221; Soybeans—7 CFR part 1220; and Watermelons—7 CFR part 1210.	Florida citrus—7 CFR part 905; Texas citrus—7 CFR part 906; Florida avocados—7 CFR part 915; California—kiwifruit 7 CFR part 920; Washington apricots—7 CFR part 922; Washington sweet cherries—7 CFR part 923; Southeastern California grapes—7 CFR part 925; Oregon/Washington pears—7 CFR part 927; Cranberries grown in the States of Massachusetts, <i>et al.</i> —7 CFR part 929; Tart cherries grown in the States of Michigan, <i>et al.</i> —7 CFR part 930; California olives—7 CFR part 932; Colorado potatoes—7 CFR part 948; Georgia Vidalia onions—7 CFR part 955; Washington/Oregon Walla Walla onions—7 CFR part 956; Idaho-Eastern Oregon onions—7 CFR part 958; Texas onions—7 CFR part 959; Florida tomatoes—7 CFR part 966; California almonds—7 CFR part 981; Oregon-Washington hazelnuts—7 CFR part 982; California walnuts—7 CFR part 984; Far West spearmint oil—7 CFR part 985; California dates —7 CFR part 987; Pecans grown in the States of Alabama, <i>et al.</i> —7 CFR part 986; California raisins—7 CFR part 989; and California dried prunes —7 CFR part 993

Complete the following:

Applicant’s First and Last Name:

Company name:		Phone:	
Street address:		Fax:	
City/State/Zip code:		E-mail:	
Tax ID #		Importer ID #	

In order to be exempt, the above-named company must meet all of the following (please check):

- A copy of this entity’s current organic production and/or handling certificate provided by a USDA-accredited certifying agent **must be** attached. Importers must attach a copy of producer and/or handler certificates for the products imported. If applicable, the equivalency agreement for the eligible product as established under the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) should also be noted.
- Is located in the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any territory or possession of the United States.
- Has provided and **attached** documentation to confirm it has and/or will submit assessments to an existing research and promotion program and/or marketing order [i.e. an organic watermelon producer is requesting exemption from assessment by the Organic Research and Promotion Board

because it will pay assessments to the _____. List the applicable programs and/or marketing orders: _____

Certification Statement

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also certify that I am authorized to sign this report.

Print Name and Title of Person Completing this Report

Signature

Date

Any false statement or misrepresentation may result in a fine of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment for not more than 5 years or both (18 U.S.C. 1001).

Please Mail this form to our ADDRESS:

U.S. Department of Agriculture
AMS, Specialty Crops Program
Promotion and Economics Division
Organic Research & Promotion Program Nominations
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 1406-S
Washington, DC 20250-0244

Or e-mail this report to:

Please contact: xxxx

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