

To: New Hampshire Organic Farmers
Fr: MOFGA Certification Services, LLC (MCS)
Re: Discontinuation of NHDAMF Organic Certification Program

Date: March 6, 2024

Dear NAME(S) at FARM NAME

Hello from Unity, Maine and MOFGA Certification Services! MCS learned recently that the NHDAMF has decided to cease their organic certification program after not receiving the votes in the NH legislature to secure funding of the program. MCS has been in contact with NOFA-NH working toward a solution for New Hampshire's organic farming community if this situation were to arise. Please know that MCS and MOFGA are here to support and certify your farms so that you may continue to offer the very best organic products to the New Hampshire and New England community.

MCS invites you to apply to MOFGA Certification Services as your new USDA-accredited certification agency (ACA). MCS covers the state of New Hampshire as part of our service territory, and MCS has been certifying farms and producers in New Hampshire since 2006. We currently certify 23 NH operations producing within the crop, livestock, and handler scopes, with many operations becoming certified in 2021 when the NHDAMF dropped the livestock and handler scopes from organic certification.

We appreciate that New Hampshire certified organic producers are facing stress in finding new certifiers and, in acknowledgement of the current circumstances, MCS will **waive the \$75 application fee for New Hampshire Crop, Livestock, and Processor/Handler operations in 2024.**

In addition to offering very competitive certification fees (flat-fee is based on expected gross income from organic sales in a calendar year), MCS also offers a paperless online application option, including an online payment method.

The Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association (MOFGA) has been certifying organic farmers since 1972, is one of the country's oldest certification programs, and understands the needs of northern New England farmers.

Please visit our website at mofgacertificationservices.org for additional information, and contact our office at certification@mofga.org or 207-568-6030.

We would love the opportunity to work with you!

Sincerely,



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