

The National Organic Standards Training Materials: Participant's Manual ¹

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This publication is only available in PDF format. The following is a brief overview of the Participant's Guide and the links to the eight modules.

Participant's Guide:

Overview of the Training Modules

The overall purpose of these training modules is to provide agricultural service providers with enough knowledge to answer questions regarding the National Organic Standards of the USDA's National Organic Program. The development of the modules was accomplished through the contributions of individuals from the University of Florida, University of the Virgin Islands and Kentucky State University. The development of the modules and assessment of their utility as a learning tool was made possible through funding provided by the Southern Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SARE) of the USDA. Each module is designed to actively engage participants in gaining knowledge about the key concepts and important components of the regulations. The modules require participants to utilize resources that are particular to the organic regulations and developed by both the private and public sectors. It is our goal that at the

end of the trainings, service providers will know the resources that are available to them and will feel comfortable using the resources and addressing the needs of their stakeholders.

The following materials are the participants training materials. Each participant module coincides with the associated trainer's module available in EDIS publication FCS8794/FY819. Trainers who conduct this training should review these materials before dispersing them to participants.

The complete training materials, which includes the trainer's and participant's manuals and associated materials such as PowerPoints and videos, will be available after April 15, 2007 as a For-sale DVD publication (SP426) *Understanding the National Organic Standards: Training Materials* at the University of Florida's IFAS Extension Bookstore.

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Modules

Module 1: The Certification Process in Brief,
<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/files/fy/fy82001.pdf>

Module 2: The Farm Plan,
<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/files/fy/fy82002.pdf>

Module 3: Soil Quality and Fertility
Management,
<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/files/fy/fy82003.pdf>

Module 4: Seeds, Annual Transplants and Plant
Stock, <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/files/fy/fy82004.pdf>

Module 5: Crop Pest, Weed & Disease
Management,
<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/files/fy/fy82005.pdf>

Module 6: Maintaining Organic Integrity,
<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/files/fy/fy82006.pdf>

Module 7: Handling and Processing,
<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/files/fy/fy82007.pdf>

Module 8: Livestock,
<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pdf/files/fy/fy82008.pdf>

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