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Agricultural Marketing Service

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[Docket No. PY-02-006]

RIN 0581-AC15

Proposed Rule To Exempt Organic Producers From Assessment by  
Research and Promotion Programs

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Propose rule.

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SUMMARY: This proposed rule would exempt any person producing and marketing solely 100 percent organic products from paying assessments to any research and promotion program administered by the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS). A proposed rule to exempt any person producing and marketing solely 100 percent organic products from paying assessments to certain marketing order programs administered by AMS was published previously in the Federal Register.

Comments may also be submitted electronically to:

[organicassessment@usda.gov](mailto:organicassessment@usda.gov) or <http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/leaving.cgi?from=leavingFR.html&log=linklog&to=http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the Federal Register

**PLEASE FIND COMMENT BELOW IN REGARDS TO THE ABOVE:**

**Golden Heritage Foods is opposed to the proposed organic assessment exemption for honey.**

**At this point, we believe that there is a low volume of organic honey handled within the United States. With that in mind, it would appear not to be detrimental to have this exemption; however, we see the potential for considerable amounts of organic imported product to move into this country and an exemption of assessment could be a very strategic, competitive advantage. For this reason, we oppose an exemption from assessment for organic honey.**

Sincerely,  
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