



**Livestock and Seed Program
Audit, Review, and Compliance Branch
Quality System Audit Report**

AUDIT INFORMATION

Applicant Name:	Maharishi Vedic Organic Agriculture Institute (MVOAI)
Est. Number:	N/A
Physical Address:	2000 N. Court Street, Fairfield, IA 52557
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Auditor(s):	Rick Skinner
Program:	USDA National Organic Program (NOP)
Audit Date(s):	July 28 and October 20, 2006
Audit Identifier:	NP6209EEA
Action Required:	No
Audit Type:	Annual Update
Audit Objective:	To determine the compliance of the company's information to the requirements of the audit criteria
Audit Criteria:	7CFR Part 205.510 National Organic Program, Final Rule, dated December 21, 2000, Updated September 11, 2006
Audit Scope:	Maharishi Vedic Organic Agriculture Institute 2005 NOP Annual Report
Location(s) Audited:	Desk

The following information was received by the auditor on April 19, 2006:

1. **Certification Files:** - Attachment 6 - 4 complete certification files; 2 crops, and 2 processors. Files included the organic system plans, inspection reports, certification decision documents, notifications of non-compliances along with associated resolutions, supporting documents, and the certificates issued.
2. **Annual Program Review and Personnel:** Attachment 8 – Attachment 7 - The document *MVOAI Summary of Performance Evaluations and Annual Program Review – February 2006* –submitted. Performance evaluations for 12 employees and inspectors were submitted.
3. **Conflict of Interest Disclosure Reports:** *Statements of Conflict of Interest* for all inspectors and employees (12) were provided.
4. **Current Certification Activities:** The scope of accreditation for MVOAI is Crops, and Handling operations. They were accredited in April, 2002. The submitted checklist



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stated MVOIA anticipated 2 international and 7 domestic crop and handling operations.

Current fee Schedule: The checklist indicated that the fee schedule was changed effective 01/01/06. The new schedule is published at www.mvoia.org. Clients were informed of the new fee schedule – Attachment I – Fee Schedule Change.

5. **ARC 1025C:** Completed *Annual Update of NOP Accredited Certifying Agents Checklist* was submitted.
6. **Other documents submitted:**
 - i. 2005 Annual Update cover letter
 - ii. Attachment 9 – Market Surveillance
 - iii. Copies of several notifications letters and certificates issued to clients
 - iv. Attachment 2 – Evidence of Expertise and Ability
 - v. Attachment 3 – Description of Training – Training Log
 - vi. Attachment 5 – List of certified producers and handlers
7. **Changes to program:**
 - i. The *Certifying Agents Checklist* - states that the address changed from 1000 No 4th Street to 2000 North Court Street #5D – PO Box 2006 – Fairfield, IA 52556 USA – Tel – 641-209-6578 – FAX – 641-472-3771
 - ii. Fee Schedule – Attachment 1
 - iii. The Administration Manual was updated to reflect a Board of Directors decision to allow the President to serve as a voting member of the Committee

FINDINGS

Procedures and records reviewed verified that Maharishi Vedic Organic Agriculture Institute is currently operating in compliance to the requirements of the audit criteria. There were no non-compliances identified during the audit.