



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

AUDIT INFORMATION

Applicant Name:	Rhode Island DEM, Division of Agriculture (RIDEM)
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Program:	USDA National Organic Program (NOP)
Audit Date(s):	May 22 - August 22, 2007
Audit Identifier:	NP7142ACA
Action Required:	No
Audit Type:	Surveillance - Accreditation Renewal Audit
Audit Objective:	To verify continuing compliance to the audit criteria; and to verify the implementation and effectiveness of corrective actions in addressing the previous non-compliances.
Audit Criteria:	7 CFR Part 205 National Organic Program, Final Rule, dated December 21, 2000; updated September 11, 2006
Audit Scope:	RIDEM's quality manual revised July 2007, including personnel, processes, procedures, facilities, and related records.
Location(s) Audited:	RIDEM office in Providence, RI; Earth Care Farm in Charlestown, RI; and New Harvest Coffee Roasters, Inc. in Pawtucket, RI.

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Division of Agriculture, (RIDEM), Organic Certification Program was accredited as a certifying agent on October 22, 2002, to the National Organic Program (NOP) for crops and processors/handlers. RIDEM currently has 19 crops and 3 processor/handling operations certified to the NOP Standards in the State of Rhode Island. Clients are presently only certified in the state of Rhode Island.

The 5 Year Accreditation Audit process started on May 22, 2007 with a review of the documents submitted by RIDEM and concluded with the on-site surveillance audit which was conducted on August 20 – 22, 2007.

The RIDEM Supervisor for the Organic Certification Program is conducting the initial application review and conducting the on-site evaluations. The file(s) are then sent to the Section Supervisor who makes the final decision for certification or denial of the clients and the file is sent to the Chief of the division who



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signs the Organic Certificate. The Supervisor and the Chief are within the same office complex of the RIDEM.

The audit included observations of two witness audits conducted by the inspector from the RIDEM. The operations for the inspections included Earth Care Farms which grew organic seedlings for sale from their own facility. The processing facility, New Harvest Coffee Roasters Inc., received raw organic coffee beans from Royal Coffee (a broker) and roasted and ground the coffee for wholesale and on-line customers.

FINDINGS

Observations made, interviews conducted, and procedures and records reviewed verified that RIDEM is currently operating in compliance to the audit criteria. The corrective actions for the non-compliances from the 2004, 2005, and 2006 annual updates were verified and found to be implemented and effective. Therefore, the non-compliances were cleared. There were no non-compliances identified during the audit.

NP6016DDA.NC1 – Minor - Cleared
NP6031DDA.NC1 – Minor - Cleared
NP6031DDA.NC2 – Minor - Cleared
NP6031DDA.NC3 – Minor - Cleared
NP7061MMA.NC1 – Minor – Cleared
NP7061MMA.NC2 - Minor – Cleared