



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

AUDIT INFORMATION

Applicant Name:	Vermont Organic Farmers, LLC
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Auditor(s):	David J. Hildreth
Program:	USDA National Organic Program (NOP)
Audit Date(s):	November 20, 2007
Audit Identifier:	NP7141ACA
Action Required:	No
Audit Type:	Corrective Action Audit
Audit Objective:	To verify the corrective actions adequately address the non-compliance identified during the previous on-site Surveillance - Accreditation Renewal Audit.
Audit Criteria:	7 CFR Part 205 National Organic Program, Final Rule, dated December 21, 2000, updated September 11, 2006
Audit Scope:	Vermont Organic Farmers, LLC submitted corrective actions
Location(s) Audited:	Desk

Vermont Organic Farmers, LLC submitted corrective actions on November 15, 2007 and the auditor of record received the corrective actions on November 19, 2007.

FINDINGS

Corrective actions adequately addressed the non-compliance.

NP7141ACA.NC1 – Adequately Addressed - NOP §205.662 (a) states, “Notification: When an inspection, review, or investigation of a certified operation by a certifying agent or a State organic program’s governing State official reveals any noncompliance with the Act or regulations in this part, a written notification shall provide:”

- “(3) The date by which the certified operation must rebut or correct each noncompliance and submit supporting documentation of each such correction when correction is possible.” *The Certifying Agent is issuing non-compliances with a reply date; however, little follow up is done to*



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*ensure a reply is received from the clients by the Certifying Agent. Several files reviewed showed letters/notification of non-compliance with a thirty or sixty day reply and no response from the certified clients. **Corrective Action:** Vermont Organic Farmers, LLC (VOF) has stated that by the end of 2007 they will be using a new data base with Access software. The new data base will help VOF track the clients that have outstanding non-compliances. Clients are also reminded via phone call, that no application is renewed without addressing prior issues.*

- *“(b) Resolution, when a certified operation demonstrates that each noncompliance has been resolved, the certifying agent or State organic program’s governing State official, as applicable, shall send the certified operation a written notification of noncompliance resolution.” *The Certifying Agent is receiving adequate corrective actions from some clients; however, the Certifying Agent is not issuing written notification of non-compliance resolution. **Corrective Action:** VOF is using a new administrative review form which tracks the date non-compliances are cleared and the date the letter of resolution is sent.**