

2006 CSP Job Sheet IN-EPM-03 Pest Management

Organic Farming - Pest Management Enhancement #03

DESCRIPTION – This enhancement will reduce the potential for water quality degradation by limiting pest management strategies to those products and methods that meet the USDA organic standard.

Enhancement Requirements



All pest management activities and operations are conducted according to the requirements and standards of the USDA organic farming rule.

This enhancement applies to cropland, pasture, nurseries, orchards, vineyard crops or specialty crops.

Organic pest enhancement payments through CSP are to assist participants who are using a certified organic crop production system. Participants must receive an annual certificate of full organic compliance from a USDA accredited certifying agent to be eligible for each year's CSP enhancement payment. Participants must maintain organic compliance for each year an organic enhancement payment is received.

CSP participants must annually schedule and pay for an inspection by a USDA accredited organic certifying agent. This inspection must result in the participant being issued an organic certificate (or verification letter) from the inspecting agent and/or certifying organization.

All other resource concerns (soil quality, water quality, etc.) must also be maintained within tolerable limits.

Performance Requirements

Required Documentation = The CSP Participant will certify this activity annually by signing an annual payment certification letter and submitting it to the NRCS office servicing the contract. The CSP Participant will retain annual records of pest management and USDA Organic certification.

Payment will be per acre under contract using this enhancement. Payment will be paid every year on all acres that meet the USDA organic standards. Enhancements must be established for one full crop season before payments can be made.

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