Organic & Third Party Certifications

**HORT499/599 or CROP499/599**

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Spring Term 2014 – 2 credits

Tuesdays 3:00-4:20 Thursdays 3:00-3:50

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10 student limit! – don’t delay, we will fill up fast!

CRN’s:

HORT499 – 56833 or HORT599 - 56834
CROP499 – 57490 or CROP599 - 75493

**ALSO** - Open to non-credit students for fee ($200)

(Contact instructor for payment instructions)

What do all those certification seals you see on so many products these days REALLY mean? What does the USDA Organic Seal Guarantee? How do you certify a farm and its crops as organic? How do you certify a processed product? How are inputs approved for use in organic production? What practices are allowed or not?

**REAL job opportunities** exist all over the world for people with this training and knowledge – no joke! Organic Agriculture is one of the steadiest growth sectors in agriculture with incredible business opportunities for creative folks who want to move forward! The future looks bright! Ra Ra!!!

In this class you will learn:

- What it takes to get a farm Organic Certified
- What it takes to get a processing facility Organic Certified
- How to label organic products to be in compliance with the law
- The ins and outs of other major certifications including:

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