



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Agricultural
Marketing
Service

STOP 0201 - Room 1098-S
1400 Independence Avenue, SW.
Washington, D.C. 20250-0268

NOV 24 2008

NOTICE OF REVOCATION

Larry R. Teuber, Executive Director
California Crop Improvement Association
Parsons Seed Certification Center
University of California, One Shields Avenue
Davis, California 95616

Dear Dr. Teuber:

On October 1, 2008, the Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), National Organic Program (NOP) Appeals Staff notified the California Crop Improvement Association (CCIA) that its appeal of its proposed revocation of accreditation as an NOP certifying agent was dismissed due to failure to file the appeal in a timely manner. Therefore, effective the date of this letter, CCIA is no longer an accredited certifying agent for the NOP. Accreditation is revoked and CCIA is ineligible to be accredited as a certifying agent under the Organic Foods Production Act and 7CFR Part 205, NOP, for a period of not less than 3 years following the date of this revocation. CCIA and all responsibly connected persons are hereby prohibited from acting as an accredited certifying agent or participating in activities related to the certification of organic products as described in the Act and implementing regulations.

Pursuant to paragraph 205.662 of the NOP regulations, CCIA is ordered to cease all organic certification activities and transfer all records concerning its certification activities to the NOP and make same records available to the California State Organic Program. Transfer of certification records is to be accomplished by shipping the records to the NOP offices in Washington, DC, within 60 days of the date of this letter. Records must include those of any certified operation that has not voluntarily transferred their certification and records to another NOP-accredited certifying agent by that time. Please contact Shaunta Newby at (202) 720-3252 to make arrangement for shipping via Federal Express.

If you have questions regarding this action or the transfer of certification files, please contact Mark Bradley, Chief, Auditing, Accreditation, and Training Branch, at (202) 720-3252 or at mark.bradley@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara C. Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barbara C. Robinson
Acting Director
National Organic Program