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Re: Organic Certificate Anniversary Date / Issue Date Statement

This letter is regarding the dates presented on the Certified Organic Certification Acknowledgement. The Anniversary Date and Certificate Issue Date have different meanings.

The purpose of the anniversary date is to indicate the date by which a certified operation is required to submit their renewal application. As required under NOP Instruction Document 2603, the anniversary date must be listed.

This anniversary date is not an expiration date and has no bearing on the validity or accuracy of the certificate itself, or the operation's organic standing. As stated on the certificate and per NOP regulations, an operation's organic certification does not expire and is valid until surrendered, suspended, or revoked.

The date that is important for you to reference is the certificate issue date. The certificate should be considered valid for at least one year from the issue date.

Thank you for your attention if you still have any questions, please feel free to contact us directly for further information.

Sincerely,  
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