

# 2009 FRC ORGANIC PRODUCTION PROGRAM

## I. Review of Program

- A. Fields must be certified according to CCOF standards
- B. Medium Grain (Calrose) Varieties

## II. 2009 Crop Program Objectives

- A. Produce appropriate volume required by FRC's customers.
  - 1. Exact quantity needed will be determined in late March/early April.
- B. Increase knowledge base to further provide assistance to growers and continue to differentiate program.

## III. Financial Considerations

- A. Advances
  - 1. Same as commercial Calrose
- B. Settlement value
  - 1. Guaranteed \$8.00 over the commercial Calrose Return
  - 2. Max payment of \$36/cwt all in

## IV. Production Requirements

- A. Seed
  - 1. Grower is responsible for purchasing organic seed. If no organic seed is available, commercial seed may be used.
- B. Certification
  - 1. The rice must be grown under organic conditions and certified by California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF).
    - a) Information on certification may be found at [CCOF.org](http://CCOF.org)
  - 2. Must be E.U. Certified
  - 3. Grower is to provide all necessary organic documentation.
  - 4. Growers are responsible for all certification costs.
- C. Drying and Storage
  - 1. Grower will be directed to an organic warehouse in the Sacramento Valley.
  - 2. Drying and storage will be determined in August, 2009.
  - 3. Recommended harvest moisture is between 20% - 24%. On average, this moisture range should yield the best head rice quality.
  - 4. Normal organic shrink charts will be utilized by warehouses.
- D. Quality
  - 1. Rice must grade a US #1 according to submitted samples to Cal Agri, Ltd.

## V. Enrollment

- A. Indicate interest by March 20, 2009 along with **map** of eligible fields.
- B. Enrollments should be made on a field-by-field basis.
- C. Separate enrollments *need not be made* for landlord acreage. Landlord's crop share, when applicable, will be split prior to harvest.
- D. *Enrollments* must include a *map*, last year's cropping history, and the adjoining fields' planting intentions for each field intended to be planted to Organic
- E. Enrollments will be pre-screened by FRC to determine production eligibility prior to contract allocations.
- F. **FRC will contact applicants in late March/early April.**