

Ag Commissioner Andy Gipson Announces Organic Certification Cost-Share Program

JACKSON, Miss. – Commissioner Andy Gipson announced that the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce (MDAC) is currently offering a cost-share program for Mississippi organic producers and handlers receiving certification or continuation of certification by a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) accredited certifying agent.

“This is a great opportunity for farmers that have received the USDA Organic Certification in the past year to help offset some of the costs associated with this certification,” said Commissioner Gipson, “I am glad

that we are able to offer this program again for 2021, and I encourage our farmers to take advantage of this opportunity.”

Funding is available for those that received the certification between October 1, 2020, and September 30, 2021. Individual organic operators are eligible for reimbursement of 50 percent of their fiscal year 2021 certification costs up to a maximum of \$500 per certification scope. The National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program currently recognizes the following certification scopes eligible for reimbursement: crops, wild crops, livestock, and han-

USDA to measure Small Grain Production

Jackson, MS – During the first two weeks of September, a sample of small grains growers around the country will receive Agricultural Survey questionnaires from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS). The agency is taking a comprehensive look into the 2021 production and supply of small grains, including wheat, oats, barley, and rye.

“The small grains industry is an important part of Mississippi’s agriculture. It is crucial for all involved to have accurate data about this key sector of the economy,” said Esmerelda Dickson, Mississippi State Statistician. “We will contact more than 1,400 producers in Mississippi to accurately measure 2021 acreage, yield, and production for small grain crops. The data collected from this survey will also help set small grain acre-

age, yield, and production estimates at the county level, which will be available in Quick Stats on the NASS website this December.”

NASS will contact Mississippi farmers and ranchers to gather information on their 2021 small grain production as well as the quantities of corn, soybeans, and all wheat stored on the farm. Producers are encouraged to respond conveniently online at agcounts.usda.gov. The online questionnaire is fast and secure. They may also return their completed surveys by mail. Farmers who have not responded by August 19 may receive a phone call from a NASS representative who will help them fill out the survey or schedule a time to do so.

“NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents, by keeping responses confidential and publishing the data in aggregate form only, ensuring that no individual

dling (i.e., processing).

To be eligible for reimbursement, the following must be provided to MDAC by applicants: proof of valid certification issued by a USDA accredited certifying agent, a reimbursement application form, an itemized receipt that identifies allowable costs paid within the qualification period, and an IRS W-9 form. Applicants must be Mississippi organic producers and handlers located within the State of Mississippi. Funds are available on a first-come, first-serve basis until the funds are depleted. Operations may receive one reimbursement per year. The deadline to submit applications is November 1, 2021.

For more information about this program or to obtain an application, visit www.mdac.ms.gov/market-development/national-organic-cost-share-program or contact Susan Lawrence at susan@mdac.ms.gov or (601) 213-7542.

operation or producer can be identified,” stated Dickson. “We recognize that this is a hectic time for farmers and ranchers, but the information that producers provide becomes useful data for decision-making on the farm, federal farm programs, and the markets. I urge them to respond to this survey and thank them for their time and cooperation.”

NASS will analyze the survey information and publish the state and national results in the annual Small Grains Summary and quarterly Grain Stocks report on September 30. These survey data also contribute to the USDA’s World Agricultural Outlook Board’s monthly World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE).

All NASS reports are available at nass.usda.gov/Publications. For more information, call (800) 327-2970.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CALVIN LEWIS, DECEASED

NO.: 21-0043
PETITIONER

BIANCA HESTER

SUMMONS

TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF CALVIN LEWIS, DECEASED

NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS


You have been made Respondents in the Petition filed in this Court by Bianca Hester seeking an adjudication of Heirship of Calvin Lewis, Deceased.

You are required to appear on September 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., at Yazoo County Chancery Court in Yazoo City, Mississippi, in the Courtroom of the Honorable Robert G. Clark, III, to respond to the Petition for Determination of Heirship filed against you.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO APPEAR AND FAILURE TO APPEAR WILL RESULT IN JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE MOTION. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FILE AN ANSWER. If you do, you must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT, this the 9th day of August, 2021.

(Seal) CHARLIE LUCKETT
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