NOTICE TO ORGANIC PRODUCERS AND HANDLERS
You may qualify for USDA Organic Certification cost share assistance of up to $750.00

If you are a Hawaii organic producer or handler who will receive or continue organic certification from a USDA accredited certifying agent between October 1, 2008 and September 30, 2009, you may apply for cost-share assistance of 75% of your certification cost up to a maximum of $750.00.

The Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) and the Agricultural Marketing Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) have entered into two separate cooperative agreements to provide cost share assistance to certified organic producers and handlers. Both agreements include the same reimbursement terms and will be in effect for one year.

Applications forms are available on the HDOA website at www.hawaii.gov/hdoa. From the home page, go to Agricultural Development Division and click on “Organic Certification Cost-Share Program". Information and an application form may be printed and mailed to the address on the application form. If you received reimbursement under the previous four-year agreement, you will not need to submit a W-9 form or sample invoice unless you have changed your mailing address. Please note the minor changes on the new application.

Contact Barbara Schafer at 808-973-9595 for more information. Mahalo!