

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE APPLICATION FOR ACCREDITATION	Please send electronic version to: AIAInbox@usda.gov OR mail paper version to: National Organic Program c/o Accreditation Division 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Room 2648 So., Ag Stop 0268 Washington, DC 20250-0268
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