

THINKING ABOUT ORGANICS?

“Sound and Sensible Organic Certification in the Gulf States” Workshop Series Will Be Offered by NCAT and QCS in Conjunction with Alabama Cooperative Extension System

The workshop will be held May 12, 2015, in conjunction with The Booker Farm located at 26290 Johnson Lane, Toney, AL 35773 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Refreshments are provided.

For information and to register for upcoming workshops, go to the NCAT webpage at www.ncat.org/events/.

Objectives

- To enlist new farmers and ranchers interested in the National Organic Program and help them learn how to become NOP certified in the Gulf States Region, which includes **Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida, and Georgia**
- To provide information and expertise to farmers interested in the National Organic Program and answer questions regarding organic farm practices and NOP certification
- By end of the training, farmers will be able to observe field activities and determine compliance with the organic standards through mock inspections
- Participants will evaluate farm records and determine detailed sufficiency and insufficiency of the data as required by the organic inspector and certification agency



GENERAL INFORMATION

The workshop will cover the basics of organic production and how to become certified organic. NCAT will work in collaboration with Quality Certification Services (QCS) of Gainesville, Florida, which provides organic certification as a program of Florida Certified Organic Growers and Consumers, Inc. (FOG). The workshop team will help any of the workshop participants with questions, assist those who want to set up a site inspection on their farms or schedule organic certification inspections.

