



Oregon Strawberry Commission

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You are receiving this letter because you or your company is listed as a certified organic producer of strawberries in Oregon. If you do not grow organic strawberries for either fresh or frozen resale, but rather for production of a different end product (juice, spreads, popsicles, etc.) please email the Oregon Strawberry Commission Office with the subject line “non-producer organic grower” and the name of your company so we can remove you from our mailing lists.

Oregon State law requires that assessment fees be paid by Oregon fresh market strawberry growers for strawberries grown and sold in Oregon at the rate of 1% of the gross sales sold during the crop year.

An organic producer will be exempt from assessment if the producer presents the following information to the commission by September 15th of each year:

(a) Either: (i) A current certificate from a certifying agent under the Organic Foods Production Act, 7 U.S.C. § 6501-6522 and its implementing regulations;

or (ii) A statement of exemption from certification under the Organic Foods Production Act, 7 U.S.C. § 6501-6522 and its implementing regulations;

and (b) A production report signed by the producer containing the producer's name, mailing address, species of berries, and pounds and price for each species. **Report Form Enclosed**

Assessment fees fund our overall goals as a commission. In addition to the Oregon Strawberry Growers Annual Meeting held in February, we also hold regular public commission meetings throughout the year. We promote and support Oregon strawberries through many venues including food service shows, conferences and food safety programs. We also support scientific research in the development of strawberry varieties and pest management. As a commission, we connect with the strawberry industry nationwide and actively support our members through communicating our concerns and issues specific to Oregon with our congressional representatives in Washington DC, and legislators in Oregon.

We represent you as a grower and we welcome your participation with our commission activities or to serve as a commissioner. We hope you will join us to share ideas that benefit the industry and we look forward to your involvement.

Thank you,

Randi Alexander-Rolison

Administrator

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