

New law establishes the La. Organic Certification Cost-Share Rebate Program to support and encourage organic production in the state.

New law authorizes the commissioner to establish a cost-share rebate program within the department to reimburse a portion of organic certification costs incurred by producers, in addition to the national program administered by USDA.

New law allows cooperative agreements between the commissioner and organic producers. Provides for the commissioner to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of new law.

New law prohibits the use of the term "organic food" unless the growth and composition of such food product meets federal requirements.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Adds R.S. 3:19 and 20)