

Professional Development Training for Organic Certification Agencies

January 13 – 15, 2016
Savannah, GA

Including
National Organic Program Certifier Training

hosted by



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Accredited Certifiers Association Professional Development Training

Schedule

January 13, 2016	8 am to 5 pm	National Organic Program Certifier Training
January 14, 2016	8 am to 5:15 pm	ACA Professional Development Training
January 14, 2016	5:30 pm to 7 pm	Welcome Reception
January 15, 2015	8 am to 4:45 pm	ACA Professional Development Training Also: ACA Annual Meeting

Location

Hilton Savannah DeSoto

15 East Liberty Street

Savannah, GA

Telephone: 912.232.9000

www.desotohilton.com

- Located in downtown Savannah Historic District, within walking distance to the many attractions such as River Street, City Market, Forsyth Park, Historic Savannah Theater, Savannah Civic Center and Savannah College of Art & Design and many “squares” and parks.
- There is a restaurant on site, plus additional restaurants nearby.
- A block of rooms have been reserved for training attendees ([until December 15, 2015](#)) with the following rate:

King or Double Guestroom: \$129.00 plus tax (includes internet access)

Lodging Reservations

On-line

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/S/SAVDHHF-ACA-20160112/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

By Phone

Hilton Savannah DeSoto (877) 280-0751

Indicate you are with the Accredited Certifiers Association, Group Code: ACA

Accredited Certifiers Association Professional Development Training Topics Planned

The ACA Professional Development Training will include panel discussions as well as individual presentations. Below is a sampling of planned sessions:

- **Sharing our Perspectives.... Forum Discussion**

Our very popular session is returning with questions, small group discussions, resulting in topics for future work.

- **What is Sufficient Evidence?**

Learn how to ensure your reports and notices will hold up in a legal challenge.

- **Uncertified Wholesale Distributors and the Need for a Transparent Audit Trail**

Members of the ACA Working Group on the concerns of Wholesale Distributors will discuss their “best practices” suggestions for maintaining a transparent audit trail when uncertified wholesalers and distributors are in the supply chain.

- **Inspector Field Evaluations**

ACAs will report on their experience with the Field Evaluations of Inspectors in regard to the value, costs and pitfalls. IOIA will summarize the initial year of their Peer Evaluation Program.

- **Equivalency Requirements**

An overview of the requirements will be presented, along with a hands on demonstration of the documentation necessary and how to complete the documentation correctly. Discussion will also cover ensuring compliance with the equivalency agreements.

- **Internal Program Reviews**

ACAs and contract auditors will discuss the advantages of both a program review conducted by staff and a program review conducted by a contract auditor and how ACAs effectively utilize these reviews.

- **Consistency in Label Review**

Participants in the ACA Working Group will discuss the “best practices” involved in the review of product labels.

- **Certifying Innovative Business Models**

ACAs with experience in the certification of innovative business models such as business incubator farms, food hubs, domestic grower groups, on-line delivery services will discuss their experience with the issues involved with certifying these business models.

- **Additional Sessions are also being planned, *plus***

Join us for our ***Organic Reception & the ACA Annual Meeting.***

~ More Details Coming Soon ~

ACA Professional Development Training Registration
Registration and payment must be received by: December 31, 2015

Registrant Information

Name:

Company:

Address:

City:

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Zip

Phone:

E-mail:

No. of Registrants		Fee	Subtotal
	ACA Members	\$295.00	
	Non Member ACA	\$335.00	
Additional Contribution for the ACA Scholarship Fund			
Total			

List Names of Additional Registrants:

Email Address of Additional Registrants

Registration fee includes topic information, break refreshments and Welcome Reception;
 (lunch and dinner on your own)

Please make check payable to:

Accredited Certifiers Association, Inc. PO Box 472, Port Crane, NY 13833

For payment by credit card or additional information contact:

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USDA National Organic Program Certifier Training Registration

There is no fee to attend the NOP Training; pre-registration is required and is limited to accredited certifying agency staff only.

Register the same attendees as noted above.

For those attending only the NOP Training, please complete information below:

Names of Registrants:	Certifying Agent Name	Email Address of Registrants