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Notice of Changes to OTCO Fee Schedule

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Dear OTCO Clients,

Oregon Tilth is pleased to announce that there are no increases in general certification fees for 2013. We have made adjustments to certain parts of the Fee Schedule in order to solidify some new services we are building. These changes will be effective Feb 1, 2013.

In summary, the changes are:

- **Expedited Service Fee:** This is a newly established fee for operations that wish to expedite their certification process as a new applicant or for new additions that require an on-site inspection. The expedited fee for a Farm is \$500 and for a Handler is \$750. This fee will only apply if the operation voluntarily requests to have something expedited and fills out the Expedited Service form.
- **Multi-Site Operations:** For Multi-site operations who are not in Production Partnership with another OTCO certified entity, a \$100 per member fee is established along with a cap of \$10,000 for the entire group. An additional change in this section is for *new* Multi-site operations that are in a Production Partnership: With no certification within the prior 12 months, the initial multi-site operation fee of \$3000 is waived to reduce the cost of entry.

Thank you for your attention to these changes in the Fee Schedule and we welcome you to contact us if you have any questions. Again, there are no additional changes to the OTCO certification fees beyond those described above.

If you would like a full copy of the OTCO fee schedule you may download it from www.tilth.org or contact our office at 877-378-0690 to have one sent to you by mail.

We wish you all the best in the New Year and are available to answer questions you might have.

Sincerely,

Connie Karr
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