

NO ORGANIC CHECKOFF!

Organic farmers don't need MORE paperwork or USDA interference!

Oppose the Organic Checkoff

1. TAX on farmers!

A checkoff is an assessment on organic sales & small farmers are only exempt if they apply annually.

2. EXTRA PAPERWORK & REPORTING FOR ALL

EVERY YEAR all certified operations must submit annual sales data to USDA by end of December. THEN small farmers will have to file *another* request for exemption annually. TOO MUCH PAPERWORK!

3. USDA Checkoffs have a history of corruption

Now, the beef checkoff is being investigated for "misplacing" \$\$ in Oklahoma. What a waste!

4. USDA Checkoffs reduce family farms

Checkoffs have helped cause massive consolidation and a reduction in family farmers.

5. Decision makers will NOT represent 76% of farmers

6. We don't need MORE organic imports

7. Cannot promote the benefits of organic

8. We Can Do It Better!

Organic producers are creative – let's work together to design a non-governmental program that benefits us all.



"I believe that an Organic

Checkoff would be bad for farmers.

It is simply a tax we don't want to pay that is col-

lected to support a bureaucracy that we don't need. We need to stop it now before it is too late."

– Liz Bawden, Dairy Farmer,
Hammond, NY

NO NEW BUREACRACY!

SUBMIT COMMENTS TO USDA TODAY TO STOP THE CHECKOFF
DEADLINE IS MARCH 19:

- Submit Online: <http://bit.ly/organicTAX> (link to Federal comment site)
- Mail comments: Promotion & Economics Div., Specialty Crops Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave.SW., Rm 1406-S, Stop 0244, Washington, D.C. 20250-0244;
- Fax comments: (202) 205-2800

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