



Indiana Organic Certification Cost-Share Program



CFDA # 10.171

For Certified Producers and Handlers

Applications will be accepted from May 8 - December 1, 2015

For fiscal year 2015, individual organic producers (crops, wild crops, and/or livestock) and/or handlers are eligible for reimbursement of 75 percent of their 2015 (October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015) certification costs up to a maximum of \$750 per category of certification. Operations with suspended or revoked certifications are ineligible for reimbursement. Below is a list with a sample of costs which may be reimbursed, as well as those which are ineligible.

Allowable Costs

- Application Fees
- Inspection Fees, including Travel Costs and Per Diem for Organic Inspectors
- Certification Costs, including fees necessary to access international markets with which AMS has equivalency agreements or arrangements
- User Fees/Sale Assessments
- Postage

Unallowable Costs

- Inspections due to violations of USDA Organic regulations
- Charges related to non-USDA organic certifications
- Transitional Certifications
- Other labeling program
- Materials, Supplies, and Equipment
- Late Fees
- Membership Fees
- Consultant Fees

An applicant is eligible for cost share assistance when the applicant has:

- 1.) Proof of certification, within the cost share qualifying period (October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015) in accordance with the Organic Foods Production Act (7 U.S.C. § 6501 et seq.) and the implementing regulations of National Organic Program (NOP) (7 CFR part 205) as issued by a [USDA accredited certifying agent](#);
- 2.) An itemized receipt that shows payment of allowable costs
- 3.) A certified operation is within the State's borders
- 4.) Completed a State Application Form
- 5.) Completed a [W-9 Tax Form](#) and
- 6.) Automated Direct Deposit Authorization Agreement [SF #47551](#)

Upon receipt of your documents, the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) will confirm your organic certification, and then send a Grant Agreement to you for your signature, along with instructions on the next steps. Mailing address on application, W-9, Direct Deposit form, and voided check or bank verification must match. Reimbursements will be paid via direct deposit. Please note: incomplete application packets may delay your reimbursement. If you have questions about the processing of your application please contact Beth Dawson at (317) 232-8333 or email bdawson@lg.in.gov. To learn more about the program or other ISDA programs please contact Bianca Gogel at (317) 800-1700 or bigogel@isda.in.gov.

Indiana State Department of Agriculture

Organic Certification Cost-Share Program Application

Owner Name

Company/Farm Name

Physical Address City, State Zip

Mailing Address City, State Zip

Home Phone Number Mobile

Email

Certifying Organization Certification Expense

Certified Categories (check all that apply):

Crops Wild Crops Livestock Handler

I certify that the above information is accurate and that no part of the certification expense has been reimbursed by other sources.

Owner Signature _____ Date _____

All applications must be submitted via email to bdawson@lg.in.gov by December 1, 2015 by 5 pm EST.

Applicant Check-List:

- Completed application
- [W-9 Form](#)
- Automated Direct Deposit Authorization Agreement [SF #47551](#)
- Proof of certification, within the cost share qualifying period (October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015), issued by a [USDA accredited certifying agent](#)
- An itemized receipt that shows payment of allowable costs

Application Processing Contact: Beth Dawson (317) 232-8333 or bdawson@lg.in.gov

Program Contact: Bianca Gogel, Diversified Agriculture Program Manager, (317) 800-1700 or bigogel@isda.in.gov