The United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Organic Program (NOP) has made funding available through the National Organic Certification Cost Share Program, providing reimbursement to eligible growers and processors for 75 percent of their 2015 certification costs up to a maximum of $750 per category of certification.

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) will administer the program in Virginia. The reimbursements will be for those who have successfully completed their organic certification from a USDA accredited certifying agency between October 1, 2014 and November 1, 2015. All paperwork must be submitted to VDACS no later than November 30, 2015.

Funds will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until they have been depleted.

Along with the application, we require an IRS W-9 tax form, a current copy of the applicant’s organic certificate from an accredited certification agency and a dated, paid itemized invoice from the certifier detailing total cost of services rendered.

If there are any questions or concerns please contact Kent W. Lewis, Director Domestic Sales and Market Development at 804.371.6098 or kent.lewis@vdacs.virginia.gov.
Organic Certification Cost Share Application

Qualifying Period
October 1, 2014 – November 1, 2015

Applications must be submitted by November 30, 2015

Cost Share Funds Available on a First-Come, First-Served Basis
Each Applicant will receive 75% of Certification Costs up to $750

Farm Name: ______________________________________________________________________

Contact Person: __________________________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: __________________________________________________________________

County where farm is located: ______________________________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________ Fax: ___________________________

E-mail: ___________________________ Website: ___________________________

Federal ID No. or Social Security No.: ___________________________

Total acreage certified organic: ___________________________

Certification Company: _____________________________________________________________

Products Certified: _________________________________________________________________

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Signature of Applicant: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Application must be accompanied by the following:

- Copy of current organic certificate showing certification date that falls between
  October 1, 2014 and November 1, 2015

- Copy of dated, paid itemized invoice from certifier detailing total cost of services rendered

- Completed IRS W-9 Form

Send to
VDACS Division of Marketing and Development
Attention: Kent W. Lewis
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Richmond, Virginia 23219
PHONE: 804.786.3951
FAX: 804.371.7786

For Office Use Only - Cost Code _________
Approved Amount $_______________
Approved By __________________________
Date _____________________________