

2015 Virginia Organic Cost Share Program

Qualifying Period

October 1, 2014 – November 1, 2015

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.



*VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE AND
CONSUMER SERVICES*

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: _____

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

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For Office Use Only - Cost Code _____
Approved Amount \$ _____
Approved By _____
Date _____