



United States Department of Agriculture

USDA Organic Certification Cost Share Programs

Agricultural Marketing Service

Making Organic Certification Affordable

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Learn more about the Organic Certification Cost Share Programs at <http://bit.ly/CostShareGen>

1 Get Certified

- Find an Accredited Certifying Agent—visit <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/NOPFAQsHowCertified> to locate a certifying agent
- Submit an application for organic certification
- Have an on-site inspection by a certifying agent
- Receive organic certification certificate

2 Contact Your State Agency

- Check eligibility requirements—cost share programs cover most producers and handlers
- Find your state's cost share contact at <http://bit.ly/NOPCostShareStates>

3 Submit Information

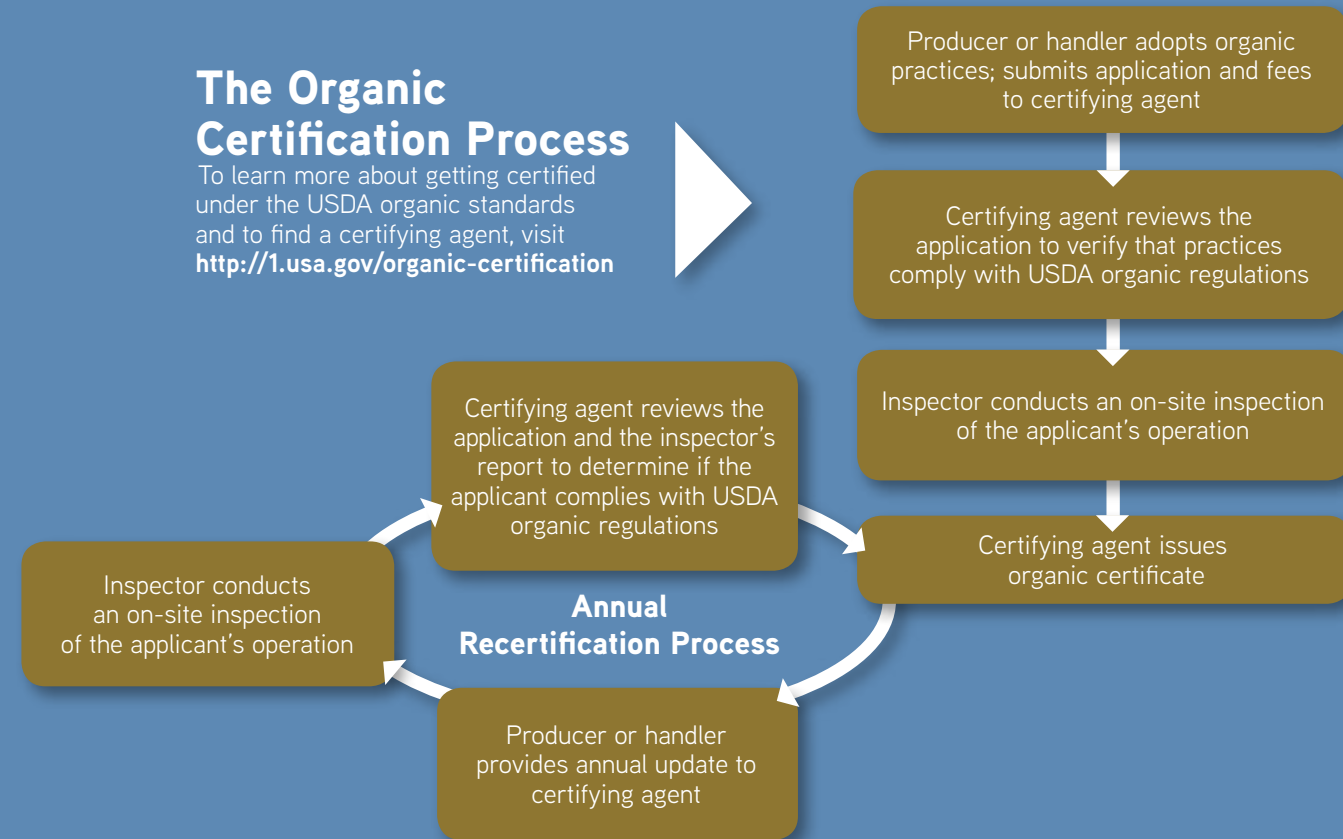
- Short application and tax form (W-9 or equivalent)
- Proof of certification
- Itemized expenses

4 Get Reimbursed

- Most expenses are eligible, including application fees, inspection fees, travel for certification inspectors, and even postage
- Reimbursement is up to 75% of organic certification costs, up to \$750 per category
- Funding is approved through 2018, so you can participate each year that you recertify!

The Organic Certification Process

To learn more about getting certified under the USDA organic standards and to find a certifying agent, visit <http://1.usa.gov/organic-certification>



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