

2021 Virginia Organic Certification Cost Share Program
Qualifying Period: October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) has just received approval by the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Organic Program (NOP) for funding through the National Organic Certification Cost Share Program (OCCSP). The OCCSP funds will provide reimbursement to eligible organic growers and processors for 50 percent of their 2019-2020 organic certification costs up to a maximum of \$500 per category of certification.

The reimbursements will be for those who have successfully completed their organic certification from a USDA accredited organic certifying agency between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. **All paperwork must be submitted to VDACS no later than November 15, 2021.** Funds will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until they have been depleted.

The application must contain the following:

1. VDACS OCCSP Application, completed and signed, which can be found here: <http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pdf/organiccostshare.pdf>
2. Commonwealth of Virginia (COV) W-9 tax form with original physical signature, which can be found here: https://www.doa.virginia.gov/forms/CVG/W9_COVSubstitute.pdf
3. Current copy of the applicant's organic certificate from an accredited certification agency;
4. Itemized receipt(s) from the certifier detailing the total cost of services rendered and showing the date of payment within the program time-frame.

Please direct questions to:

Roz Stein at **804-786-3951** or roz.stein@vdacs.virginia.gov



*VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE AND
CONSUMER SERVICES*

Organic Certification Cost Share Application

Cost Share Funds Available on a First-Come, First-Served Basis
Each Applicant will receive 50% of Certification Costs up to \$500 per Scope

Farm Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

County where farm is located: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Website: _____

Federal ID Number or Social Security Number: _____

Total acreage certified organic: _____

Certification Company: _____

Products Certified: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Application must be signed and accompanied by the following:

- Copy of current organic certificate showing certification date
- Copy of itemized receipt(s) from the certifier detailing total cost of services rendered, showing date of payment
- Commonwealth of Virginia (COV) W-9 tax form with original signature

Send to:

VDACS Division of Marketing and Development
Attention: Roz Stein
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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 _____

