



Cost Share Guidance

USDA National Organic Certification Cost Share Program - USDA National Organic Certification Cost Share Program – Provides cost share assistance to producers, handlers and processors of certified organic agriculture products in all States and U.S. Territories. Certified clients are eligible for reimbursement of up to 75% of your certification fees per each type of category (or “scope” as they are referred to by the USDA) that you have certified. For example: You may be certified for crops, dairy and beef cattle, each of which is considered a category (or scope) and would qualify to receive up to 75% reimbursement for each of those categories, not to exceed \$750 per category or scope, per year. Contact your State’s Department of Agriculture for detailed information and to apply for the Cost Share Program. Cost Share Funds are distributed through each State’s Department of Agriculture.

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To view another States Cost Share Program please visit:

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Other USDA Agriculture Marketing Service Grant Programs:

Specialty Crop Block Grant Program – This program provides grants to individual state departments of agriculture to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops (defined as: fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, and nursery crops (including floriculture)). The state departments of agriculture then distribute their grant funds to individual producers of specialty crops in their state.

Farmers Market Promotion Program – This program provides grants to agricultural cooperatives, producer networks, producer associations, local governments, non-profit corporations, public benefit corporations, economic development corporations, regional farmers' market authorities and tribal governments to assist in establishing, expanding and promoting farmers' markets, roadside stands, community supported agriculture programs, agri-tourism activities and to promote direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities.

Contact your Department of Agriculture representative listed above.

NRCS EQIP Organic Initiative Information - The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) works with landowners through conservation planning and assistance designed to benefit the soil, water, air, plants, and animals that result in productive lands and healthy ecosystems. Funds are available for those transitioning to organic and currently certified organic producers through EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program).

For further information on the program and to apply, visit:

www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/organic or call your state NRCS office listed below.

Other programs available through NRCS:

- Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program
- Grassland Reserve Program
- Health Forests Reserve Program
- Agricultural Management Assistance Program

More information on these and other NRCS programs can be found at www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs or by contacting your State NRCS Office:

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