

2011 ND National Organic Certification Cost Share Program Guidelines¹

North Dakota organic producers, processors and handlers are eligible for 75 percent of initial or renewal organic certification costs with a maximum of \$750 per certification. Such certification costs must be incurred during the period **October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011.**

Applications must be postmarked by October 31, 2011.

A complete application for certification cost share reimbursement must include the following (incomplete applications cannot be processed):

1. A completed **2011 Organic Certification Cost Share application.**
2. A copy of a dated **certificate** or **letter from your certifier** verifying certification between **10/1/10 and 9/30/11.**
3. A copy of the **itemized billing statement** documenting certification costs incurred between **10/1/10 and 9/30/11.**
4. A completed **IRS Form W9.** (If you have received a previous Cost Share Grant, you do not need to complete this form.)

The 2011 application form and a link to IRS Form W9 are also available on this website. These documents are on both the ND Department of Agriculture website www.agdepartment.com and the ND Organic Farming website www.ndorganics.nd.gov.

If you are certified by International Certification Services (ICS), OCIA Chapter's 1 or 2, please contact them to complete the application.

All other's should contact Emily Edlund at the following numbers and addresses.

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Organic Certification Cost Share
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¹ Program funds and guidelines are subject to a Cooperative Agreement between the USDA AMS and ND Department of Agriculture