

2014 ND National Organic Certification Cost Share Program *Guidelines¹*

North Dakota organic producers (crops, wild crops, and/or livestock) and/or handlers are eligible for reimbursement of **75 percent** of initial or renewal organic certification costs with a maximum of **\$750 per certification**. **Certification costs must be incurred during the period October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.**

Applications must be postmarked by October 31, 2014.

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

1. A completed 2014 Organic Certification Cost Share application.
2. Proof of certification, within the cost share qualifying period (10/1/13 and 9/30/14) as issued by a USDA accredited certifying agent.
3. A copy of the itemized billing statement documenting allowable certification costs incurred between 10/1/13 and 9/30/14.
4. A completed [IRS Form W9](#).

The 2014 application form and a link to IRS Form W9 are also available on the ND Department of Agriculture website <http://www.nd.gov/ndda/program/organic-certification-cost-share-program> and the ND Organic Farming website www.ndorganics.nd.gov.

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

For more information about this program, contact Emily Edlund at 701-328-2191 or email edlund@nd.gov.

Please mail completed application to:

Organic Certification Cost Share
North Dakota Department of Agriculture
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Bismarck, ND 58505-0020

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