

## 2022 Cost-Share Programs

USDA is accepting applications until **October 31, 2022** for reimbursements of expenses related to organic certification. Operations can receive cost share for expenses incurred from October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022 through both the Organic Certification Cost Share Program and Organic transitional Education and Certification Program. Apply through the Farm Service Agency office at your [local USDA Service Center](#). FSA will make payments as applications are received.

### REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES BY PROGRAM

Program	Certified Operations	Transitional Operations*	How to Apply
<b>Organic Certification Cost Share Program (OCCSP)</b>	50% (up to \$500) per certification scope for <b>certification expenses</b> including: application fees, inspection fees, USDA organic certification costs, state organic program fees, user fees or certifier sales assessments, and/or postage.	n/a	Apply through the Farm Service Agency office at your <a href="#">local USDA Service Center</a> or through a <a href="#">participating State Agency</a> .
<b>Organic and Transitional Education and Certification Program (OTECP)</b>	25% (up to \$250) per certification scope for <b>certification expenses</b> including: application fees, inspection fees, USDA organic certification costs, state organic program fees, user fees or certifier sales assessments, and/or postage.  75% (up to \$200) for each year for <b>registration fees for educational (in person and remote) events</b> that include content related to organic production and handling (e.g., farming and production methods, NOP requirements, and marketing).  75% (up to \$100) for each year for <b>soil tests</b> to document micronutrient deficiency required under NOP regulations.	75% (up to \$750) for fees charged by a certifying agent or consultant for <b>pre-certification inspections and development of an organic system plan</b> .  75% (up to \$200) for each year for <b>registration fees for educational events (in person and remote)</b> that include content related to organic production and handling, such as farming and production methods, NOP requirements, and marketing.  75% (up to \$100) for each year for <b>soil tests</b> to document micronutrient deficiency required under NOP regulations.	Apply through the Farm Service Agency office at your <a href="#">local USDA Service Center</a> .

\*Transitional operation means a crop or livestock production operation that is transitioning to organic production in anticipation of obtaining USDA organic certification, and that has an organic system plan or written documentation from a certifying agent.

Additional details are available on the [OCCSP](#) and [OTECP](#) webpages, and via USDA's May 16, 2022 [announcement](#).