

# Virginia Organic Cost Share Program

The United States Department of Agriculture's (**USDA**) National Organic Program (**NOP**) has made funding available through the National Organic Certification Cost Share Program, providing reimbursement to eligible growers and processors for 75 percent of their certification costs up to a maximum of \$750 per category of certification.

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (**VDACS**) will administer the program in Virginia. The reimbursements will be for those who have successfully completed their organic certification from a USDA accredited certifying agency.

Funds will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until they have been depleted.

Along with the application, we require an IRS W-9 tax form, a current copy of the applicant's organic certificate from an accredited certification agency and a dated, paid itemized invoice from the certifier detailing total cost of services rendered.

If there are any questions or concerns please contact Kent W. Lewis, Director Domestic Sales and Market Development at **804.371.6098** or [kent.lewis@vdacs.virginia.gov](mailto:kent.lewis@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 75% of Certification Costs up to \$750**

Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County where farm is located: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal ID No. or Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Total acreage certified organic: \_\_\_\_\_

Certification Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Products Certified: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Application must be accompanied by the following:

- Copy of current organic certificate showing certification date
- Copy of dated, paid itemized invoice from certifier detailing total cost of services rendered
- Completed IRS W-9 Form

### Send to

VDACS Division of Marketing and Development  
Attention: Kent W. Lewis  
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<b>For Office Use Only</b> - Cost Code _____
Approved Amount \$ _____
Approved By _____
Date _____