

## 2020 Organic Certification Cost Share Grant Program

The Connecticut Department of Agriculture is applying for the National Organic Certification Cost Share Program (NOCCSP) Grant from the USDA Farm Service Agency.

Through this grant, Connecticut certified organic growers and processors can be reimbursed part of the cost of receiving and maintaining organic certification. A list of certified organic growers and processors is available through USDA's Organic INTEGRITY Database at <https://organic.ams.usda.gov/integrity>.

The program is administered on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted.

**NEW this year:** the amount reimbursed will be **50%, up to \$500**, of the certification cost paid between October 1, 2019 and September 30, 2020.

Interested participants must submit the following by October 15, 2020:

- Completed 2020 Organic Certification Cost Share Cover Page (available here for download as a [Microsoft Word document](#) or as a [PDF document](#))
- A copy of your National Organic Program Certificate of Compliance (from accredited certifier)
- A copy of your paid Receipt/Invoice for Organic Certification (from accredited certifier)
- Completed [W-9 Form & SP-26 Form](#) (both forms available here by hyperlink)

**NEW this year:** applicants are required to use direct deposit for their reimbursement. Please fill out and return one of the following forms with your application along with a copy of a canceled check. If your business entity is an Individual/Sole Proprietor use the "Individual" form. Other business entities use the "Company" form:

- [Vendor Direct Deposit \(ACH\) Election Form - Individual](#) (available here by hyperlink)
- [Vendor Direct Deposit \(ACH\) Election Form – Company](#) (available here by hyperlink)

Please send this information to [Amanda.King@ct.gov](mailto:Amanda.King@ct.gov).

You may also receive information about organic certification cost share from the USDA Farm Service Agency. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Amanda King at 860-713-2519 or [Amanda.King@ct.gov](mailto:Amanda.King@ct.gov).

Additional information: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/occsp/index>