



DIVISION OF PLANT INDUSTRY

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ORGANIC CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

- Your application fee is based on your primary category certification.
- Application fees are annual fees and need to accompany each application for certification (initial and continuations).
- If your operation includes more than one category, there is no application fee for the second or third certification category.
- You will need to submit a completed application each year for each category. There are specific deadline dates for each category, when seeking continuation of your certification. Deadlines do not apply to "new" certifications.
- Each category of your operation requires an annual inspection.
- Producers, who sell less than \$5,000 in gross product, are not required to be certified to use the word "organic". However, the National Organic standards will still apply to your production. Complete records must be maintained.

PRIMARY CATEGORY -- APPLICATION FEE SCHEDULE:

Irrigated Acres		Dryland Acres		Fruit	
Less Than 20 Acres	\$600.00	Less Than 1,500 Acres	\$600.00	Less Than 5 Acres	\$600.00
20 - 200 Acres	\$1,050.00	1,500 - 4,000 Acres	\$1,050.00	5 - 40 Acres	\$1,050.00
More Than 200 Acres	\$2,300.00	More Than 4,000 Acres	\$2,300.00	More Than 40 Acres	\$2,300.00

Greenhouse Only		Livestock		Dairy	
Less Than 12,000 sq.ft.	\$600.00	Less Than 100 Head	\$600.00	Less Than 100 Head	\$600.00
12,000 - 15,000 sq.ft.	\$1,050.00	101 - 300 Head	\$1,050.00	101-300 Head	\$1,050.00
More Than 15,000 sq.ft.	\$2,300.00	More Than 301 Head	\$2,300.00	More Than 301 Head	\$2,300.00

Poultry		Wild Crop		Slaughterhouse/Livestock Processing (and/or Packaging)	
Less Than 1,000 Head	\$600.00	Contact the		Less Than 300 Head	\$600.00
1,001 - 6,000 Head	\$1,050.00	Colorado Department of Agriculture		300 - 500 Head	\$1,050.00
More Than 6,001 Head	\$2,300.00	(303) 239-4139		More Than 500 Head	\$2,300.00

Process Handler		Slaughterhouse/Poultry Processing (and/or Packaging)	
Level 1 – Boxing raw product, clean & packaging	\$600.00	Less Than 3,000 Head	\$600.00
Level II – mechanical changes to the original state of the product (slicing, grinding & milling)	\$1,050.00	3,000 - 9,000 Head	\$1,050.00
Level III – all others – thermal process, freezing, drying, pasteurizing	\$2,300.00	More Than 9,000 Head	\$2,300.00

APPLICATION FEE REFUND POLICY: The entire application fee can be refunded, if an applicant decides to withdraw from the certification process, prior to the on-site inspection. In order to obtain a refund, the applicant must inform the Colorado Department of Agriculture in writing that they no longer want to proceed with the organic certification process and request a refund of their application fee. **Once the on-site inspection is conducted, the entire application fee becomes non-refundable.**

INSPECTION FEE SCHEDULE:

Hourly Rates		Mileage	Per Diem
Inspection Time	\$34.00/hour	Mileage rate: \$.25/mile	Varies by Location
Driving Time	\$34.00/hour		
Inspection Narrative Write-up Time	\$34.00/hour		

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Make check payable to: Colorado Department of Agriculture