



July 1, 2015

TO: Certified Organic Producers and Handlers

FROM: Mitchell Yergert
Director, Division of Plant Industry

SUBJECT: Current Cost Share Reimbursement
And New Organic Cost Share Reimbursement Procedures

Enclosed is your cost share application. Please complete the application along with the W-9 and submit it to this office (regular mail or email barbara.rosenbach@state.co.us) by the **November 15, 2015, deadline** in order to claim your reimbursement.

PROCEDURES FOR FY 2015:

The Colorado Department of Agriculture has signed a new agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture to distribute cost share reimbursement payments for the federal fiscal year (October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015).

Certified organic operations, which are in the process of having their certifications continued, will be able to apply for cost share funds, **as they are paid**. Direct paid costs of organic certification (Application fees, inspection fees, postage, etc.) may be reimbursed up to 75% or \$750.00 per category of certification, whichever is less, during the federal fiscal year.

If you have any questions, concerning this matter or need additional forms, please feel free to contact Barbara Rosenbach at (303) 869-9051.

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Enclosures

