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| 2023 ORGANIC COST SHARE APPLICATION | *s. 93*.07 (3) Wis*. Stats.* |
| Organic Certification Cost Share Application DirectionsThe Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) is accepting applications for the 2023 Organic Certification Cost-Share Program. These funds provide cost-share reimbursement to producers or handlers of organic agricultural products who are currently certified or currently working toward certification and are in good standing with a USDA/NOP Accredited Certifying Agent.Eligible producers or handlers may receive rebates for 75% of their certification costs up to a maximum of $750.00 per certification category. If certified in more than one category (e.g. crops, livestock, wild crop, or handler), a producer or handler is eligible for up to $750.00 for each category. Reimbursable certification costs must be receipted by the certifying agency during the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 (the 2023 federal fiscal year), and can include any certification related expenses paid to the certifying agency, such as inspection fees and user fees. Late fees or other penalties or membership fees are not eligible for reimbursement. Submit applications by October 31, 2023 to guarantee reimbursement, although funding is available on a first come first serve basis.To apply, fill out the application below and submit it and supporting documentation to DATCP-DAD Organic Cost Share Program via mail toDATCP-DAD Organic Cost Share ProgramP.O. Box 8911Madison, WI 53708-8911Or email the completed application and supporting documentation to datcporganiccostshare@wi.gov. Or apply for organic cost share and upload supporting documentation via an online form: <https://form.jotform.com/221645689186065> A W-9 and a DATCP New Supplier Form are required for new applicants. Following receipt of your application, we will contact your certifying agency to confirm certification and payments prior to reimbursement. If you email your application and do not get a response from us that we have received it, please call to verify – this is very important. Rebates usually take about 6 to 8 weeks to process. If you do not receive your reimbursement after 8 weeks of submitting your application, please contact DATCP at the contact info below. If you have already submitted your application online or through email and receive a mail copy, do not resubmit. As long as you have confirmation that we received your application, there is no need to do anything further. Because you can submit an application starting July 2023, but are eligible for reimbursements paid to your certifier through September 30, 2023, if you have not maximized your rebate (paid at least $1000 per scope of certification to your certifier) we can hold your application to maximize your refund. If you know you will not make any additional payments to your certifier at the time of application submission and would like us to process your application immediately upon receipt, please check the appropriate box.Questions? See DATCP website <https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Growing_WI/OrganicFarmingAndFood.aspx> for frequently asked questions and tips for filling out your application and additional paperwork or contact Andrew Bernhardt at *datcporganiccostshare@wi.gov*or 608-572-0512. |

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| CONTACT NAME (first & last)       | EMAIL      |
| OPERATION / BUSINESS / FARM NAME that is certified organic      | PHONE(     )     -      |
| MAILING STREET ADDRESS      | CITY      | STATE   | ZIP      |
| ADDRESS OF CERTIFIED OPERATION (if different mailing address)      | CITY      | STATE   | ZIP      |
| NAME OF CERTIFYING AGENCY |       |
| WHICH CERTIFICATION CATEGORIES /SCOPES DO YOU HOLD? *(select all that apply)* | [ ]  CROP | [ ]  LIVESTOCK | [ ]  WILD CROP | [ ]  HANDLER |
| [ ]  I will not make any additional payments to my certifier. Please process my application now. |
| [ ]  I may make additional payments to my certifier or will submit documentation later. Please HOLD my application.  |
| Have you submitted an organic cost share application through Farm Service Agency (FSA)?  | [ ]  Yes | [ ]  No |
| Would you like to receive a quarterly Organic newsletter and occasional email about upcoming events or current events related to the Organic Industry? | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No [ ]   | I’m already subscribed |
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