



# 2021 OEFFA Fees for Handlers (Group B and New)

Due 9-1-21

Fees must be paid with Organic System Plan (OSP) submission

Keep a copy of this form for your records

## BASIC INFORMATION

Operation Name		Operation #	
Contact Name		Phone	
Mailing Address		Fax	
City, State, Zip Code		Email	

### Important Information (check all that apply):

This is my first application for certification with OEFFA.

*We accept new applicants from OH, IN, KY, MI, NY, PA, WV, IA, IL, MO, VA & WI only.*

I was previously certified with OEFFA, gone for some time, and I'm now certifying again. (List operation # \_\_\_\_\_)

I've previously been denied certification or had my certification suspended (including partial suspensions) or revoked.

I'm adding new products, equipment, or processes to my OSP.

(Describe and list expected date of organic production: \_\_\_\_\_)

I've enclosed new label proofs for currently certified products. (Expected date of label use: \_\_\_\_\_)

Check this box if you do NOT wish to be an OEFFA member (membership is complimentary).

**New Applicants:** If you have never been certified, fees are based on projected gross income from organic products and services for your first 12 months of organic certification. **The deadline for new operations is September 1, 2021.** Applications from new operations will not be accepted after September 1, 2021 deadline.

**Certified Operations Renewing Certification with OEFFA:** OEFFA's handler certification application fee is determined by your operation's gross income from organic products and services in 2020. **This fee is due with the OSP for Handlers. The deadline for renewing operations is September 1, 2021.**

**Inspection fees and expenses are additional and will be billed after the inspection.** Your inspector will contact you to discuss these fees before your inspection. The inspection fee is determined by the complexity of your operation, the number of sites the inspector must visit, the length of the inspection, and the travel expenses incurred by the inspector. **Inspection fees typically range from \$250 to \$1,000.**

## Calculate your APPLICATION FEE: Fill in boxes 1 through 4 below and enter the total in box 5

**1. Base Application Fee, based on your 2020 gross income from organic products and services. \*\* See New Applicants above.**

*Certified operations may apply to their appropriate state agency for organic certification cost-share reimbursement.*

2020 Organic Gross Income	Application Fee
< \$50,000	\$500
\$50,001 - \$249,999	\$1,000
\$250,000 - \$499,999	\$2,000
\$500,000 - \$699,999	\$3,000
\$700,000 - \$899,999	\$4,000
\$900,000 - \$2,499,999	\$5,000
\$2,500,000-\$4,999,999	\$6,250
\$5,000,000-\$9,999,999	\$7,500
>\$10,000,000	\$10,000

*Organic Gross Income will be verified at inspection.*

Box 1. Enter your base application fee:

**2. If renewing, add the late fee for all applications postmarked after September 1, 2021. Late fees are not reimbursable.**

Postmarked September 2 to October 1	\$100
Postmarked October 2 to November 1	\$200
Postmarked November 2 to December 1	\$300

Box 2. Enter your late fee:

**3. If you would like to rush your certification, choose from the following options. Box 3. Enter rush fee:**

<b>Rush Tier 1</b> – OEFFA will assign an inspector as soon as possible after the receipt of the complete OSP and payment; inspector will submit report within 2 business days of inspection; we will notify the operator of compliance issues or issue a certificate within 5 business days after the inspection report is received. Certification is not guaranteed	\$1,000
<b>Rush Tier 2</b> – OEFFA will make every effort to complete the process in less than 90 days. Certification is not guaranteed.	\$500

**4. If you would like to add Organic Plus Trust grass-fed certification.**

Box 4. Enter grass-fed fee (\$300):

**Box 5. ADD BOXES 1-4 FOR TOTAL FEES DUE WITH APPLICATION:**

\*\*\*\*\*YOU MUST INCLUDE YOUR PAYMENT INFORMATION (SEE REVERSE)\*\*\*\*\*

**PAYMENT:** Include your check (payable to OEFFA Certification) or Credit Card information

Check #: _____ (make check payable to <u>OEFFA Certification</u> )      Check Date: _____ <i>Returned checks are subject to a \$20 administrative fee.</i>
Credit Card Issuer: <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> American Express <input type="checkbox"/> Discover
Credit Card #: _____
Expiration Date: _____ / _____      CVV/Security Code: _____ (3- or 4-digit code)
Signature for Credit Card: _____ <i>Notify us if your credit card has a daily limit lower than the total due from page 1.</i>

\* You may also pay the application fees on-line via our payment portal: <https://certification.oeffa.org/handlers-payment/>

**PAYMENT PLAN:** If you apply before September 1<sup>st</sup>, you may request to split your fee into 2 or 3 payments.

To pay in two or three installments, complete the table below. You must have your fees paid in full within three months.

**Please note:**

- You must include a \$25 administrative fee with your 1<sup>st</sup> payment.
- OEFFA will not proceed with the certification process until 2/3 payment is received and a certificate will not be issued until fees are paid in full.
- OEFFA will retain your credit card information and automatically bill your credit card when payment is due.

*For OEFFA use only*		
Payment Amt	Due Date	Rec'd / Ck #
#1:		
#2:		
#3:		

To agree to these terms, fill in the following:

The amount you entered in Box 5 is: \$\_\_\_\_\_.

*I will make two payments*

Divide the amount you wrote above by 2: \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
This amount + \$25 is what you must pay now.

The remainder must be paid in full 1 month from today.

One month from today is: \_\_\_\_\_.

*I will make three payments*

Divide the amount you wrote above by 3: \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
This amount + \$25 is what you must pay now.

The remainder must be paid in full 2 months from today.

Two months from today is: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Refunds and Additional Fees**

- If an application is withdrawn or certification is surrendered after payment and before inspection, a refund of 80% of application fees may be granted for each withdrawn or surrendered scope. A higher percentage may be retained by OEFFA for additional services rendered between submission and withdrawal/surrender. No refunds will be given after inspection.
- A full schedule of services and fees with additional detail is available in the OEFFA Certification Policies & Procedures manual.

**Submit all application materials and payment to:**

OEFFA Certification  
41 Croswell Road  
Columbus, OH 43214  
Email: [organic@oeffa.org](mailto:organic@oeffa.org)  
Fax: (614) 421-2011

For any questions, call (614) 262 -2022

**Application and payment of fees does not guarantee certification.**