



2024 OEFFA Fees for Renewing Producers

Fees must be paid with renewal submission
Keep a copy of this form for your records

Due 4-15-24

BASIC INFORMATION

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

Important Information (check all that apply):

- I'm adding NEW LAND to my OSP that is expected to be eligible for certification this year. (Include new land fee below).
(List crop(s) on this land & expected harvest date: _____)
- I'm adding NEW CROPS that are not on my current organic certificate.
(List new crop(s) & expected harvest date: _____)
- I'm in the process of transitioning a dairy herd to organic. (Expected date of organic milk production: _____)
- I'm in the process of bringing organic poultry to my operation for the first time. (Expected date of arrival: _____)
- Check this box if you **do NOT** wish to be an OEFFA member (membership is complimentary).

Calculate your APPLICATION FEES

1. The base fee is determined by the location of your operation and when you send your application with full payment.

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

Choose the row that shows when you submitted your complete application & paid in full:	Choose the column where your farm is located:			
	Ohio		Outside of Ohio	
	Pay this fee	Cost After Reimbursement	Pay this fee	Cost After Reimbursement
Early Bird: Postmarked by March 15 th	\$1,275	\$525	\$1,450	\$700
Standard: Postmarked March 16 th to April 15 th	\$1,325	\$575	\$1,500	\$750
For most producers, fees are inclusive of inspection. Additional inspection fees will be charged to operations that are complex, have multiple locations, or otherwise require additional time spent on-site.			Box 1. Enter your base application fee:	\$

2. Late fees apply to all applications postmarked after April 15th. You must add these to the standard deadline base application fee.

Late fees are not reimbursable. *JUNE 15th is the FINAL RENEWAL DEADLINE. *

Postmarked April 16 th to May 15 th	\$200	Box 2. Enter your late fee:	\$
Postmarked May 16 th to June 15 th	\$350		
Nonrenewal Fee: Postmarked after June 15 th	\$500		

3. Livestock and Poultry Fee. If requesting certification for livestock or poultry for the first time, include OSP for Livestock & Poultry with application. Eligible for reimbursement

Box 3. Enter livestock & poultry fee (\$550):	\$
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4. Producer-Handling Fee – For producer certifying an on-farm handling operation. The fee is based on your operation's prior year's annual gross sales from organic handled products and services. If adding on-farm handling for the first time, include OSP for Handlers and calculate fee based on your projected gross sales for the first 12 months of organic certification. *Eligible for reimbursement.*

2023 Gross Sales from Organic Handling	Fee	Box 4. Enter producer-handler fee:	\$
≤ \$50,000	\$350		
\$50,001-\$249,999	\$550		
\$250,000-\$499,999	\$950		
\$500,000-\$699,999	\$1,350		
\$700,000-\$899,999	\$1,750		
\$900,000-\$2,499,999	\$2,500		
>\$2,500,000	\$3,600		

5. New Land Fee –

Required if new fields are requested for certification this year. Not required for fields in their first two years of transition.

Box 5. New Land Fee (\$100):	\$
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6. If you would like to rush your certification, choose from the following options.

Rush Tier 1 – 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	Box 6. Enter rush fee:	\$
Rush Tier 2 – OEFFA will make every effort to complete the process in less than 90 days. Certification is not guaranteed.	\$500		

* Rush service is required if you are submitting a request to add something new to your certificate that requires inspection (new land, new crop type, new scope, new facility, etc.) if that request is received less than 60 days prior to the requested certification/approval date.

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7. Organic Plus Trust grass-fed certification.

Box 7. Grass-fed fee (\$325):	\$
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8. Voluntary Contribution – If your operation grossed over \$250,000 in organic sales last year, please consider making a voluntary contribution of \$200 to help OEFFA keep our fees accessible to smaller and beginning organic farms. A contribution of any amount is greatly appreciated.

Box 8. Voluntary Contribution	\$
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9. If you would like us to make a copy of your full OSP and mail it back to you.

Box 9. Enter OSP Copy Fee (\$15):	\$
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Box 10. <u>ADD BOXES 1-9 FOR TOTAL FEES DUE WITH APPLICATION:</u>	\$
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PAYMENT: Payment information must be included

CHECK: Make payable to OEFFA Certification. Returned checks are subject to a \$20 administrative fee.
 Check #: _____ Check Date: _____

CREDIT or Debit CARD: Notify us if your card has a daily limit lower than the total due.
 Debit Card (*no additional fee*) Credit Card (*a processing fee of 3% + \$0.15 will apply*)
 Card Issuer: MasterCard Visa American Express Discover
 Card #: _____
 Expiration Date: _____ / _____ CVV/Security Code: _____ (3- or 4-digit code)
 Signature for Card: _____

Monthly Installments through Milk or Egg Buyer (Must apply by April 15th. Includes a \$2 processing fee per month)
 I contract with a milk or egg buyer and am interested in having my annual certification fees automatically deducted from my monthly check. I have completed the enclosed Milk and Egg Check Deduction Form.
**If OEFFA is unable to establish an automatic deduction with your buyer, you must submit another form of payment.*

PAYMENT PLAN: If you apply by April 15th, you may request to split the Standard Fees into 2, 3, or 4 payments

To pay in two, three, or four installments, complete the information below. You must include a \$25 administrative fee with your 1st payment

Please note:
 > Operations opting for a payment plan are not eligible for the Early Bird discount.
 > OEFFA will retain your credit card information and automatically bill your credit card when payment is due.

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Payment Amt	Due Date	Rec'd / Ck #
#1:		
#2:		
#3:		
#4:		

To agree to these terms, fill in the following:
 The amount you entered in Box 10 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: _____.

I will make four payments. Divide the amount you wrote above by 4: \$ _____.
 This amount + \$25 is what you must pay now.
 The remaining three payments must be paid by: 7/15, 10/15, and 12/15.

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 for additional services rendered between submission and withdrawal/surrender. No refunds will be given after inspection or for loss of certification due to denial, suspension or revocation.
- Referral Discount - An OEFFA-certified operation that refers a new applicant to OEFFA will receive a discount of \$100 (via a refund) from their certification fee once the new applicant applies for certification. Certified operations that refer multiple new applicants will receive the \$100 discount once per applicant.
- 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 Fax: (614) 421-2011
 For any questions, call (614) 262-2022
Application and payment of fees does not guarantee certification.