



ORGANIC CERTIFICATION FOR HANDLING & PROCESSING



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ABOUT US

From humble beginnings with a volunteer committee of farmers, in 1981 we certified our first dozen farms. Since then, OEFFA Certification has grown to be one of the nation's oldest, largest, and most respected organic certifiers, now offering services to farms and handlers/processors in the Midwest and beyond.

CERTIFICATION FOR HANDLERS AND PROCESSORS

OEFFA Certification certifies a wide range of organic handling and processing operations, including but not limited to, brokering, grain handling, produce packaging and distribution, livestock feed, seed handling, processing and packaging retail food products, and livestock processing facilities.

We are currently accepting applications from new handlers and processors located in our service region (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin).

Depending on administrative capacity, we may also accept applications for certification from handlers outside of our service region but in the contiguous United States. If this applies to you, please contact us to see if we are currently accepting handler applications from outside the service region.



MORE THAN JUST CERTIFICATION

By certifying with us, you also gain access to the resources of our sister organization, the Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association, which provides education and technical assistance to organic operations. Dedicated staff are available to help with production, marketing, and certification challenges. If you need help, we're just a phone call or email away.



OUR PLEDGE

We will work to provide you with dependable and friendly service, while upholding high standards that ensure the integrity of the organic label so that your hard work is recognized in the marketplace.

OEFFA CERTIFICATION FEES FOR HANDLERS AND PROCESSORS

OEFFA Certification is a not-for-profit organization. We set our fees to cover our cost of operation, saving you money. The fee handlers pay is based on the gross sales from organic products and services in the previous year. For new applicants, the fee is based on projected gross sales from organic products and services for your first 12 months of organic certification. Inspection fees and expenses are additional and billed after the inspection.

The National Organic Cost Share Program helps certified operators with the expense of organic certification. Currently the program refunds up to 75 percent, with a maximum of \$750, of certification costs per "scope"—crops, livestock, wild crops, and handling.

PRAISE FOR OEFFA

At OEFFA, we don't usually like to toot our own horn, but we proudly share some comments our clients have made about us:

"OEFFA has been wonderful to work with and very patient and helpful with me while I am still learning. There is not a single negative thing I could write. Thanks, OEFFA!"

"Thank you for your continued support of organic agriculture, and your kind manner in certification."

"It has been a pleasure to work with you this last year. We appreciate your nice service. I referred you to other farmers in our area."



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