

**Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry /  
USDA National Organic Program**

**Cost-Share Program Information**

The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry and the USDA/NOP entered into a cooperative agreement. This allows for cost-share assistance to producers and handlers who are obtaining certification under National Organic Program Standards through Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry.

Once an application is accepted and all fees are paid to Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry, the cost-share program requires that payments be limited to 75% of the costs incurred by a producer or handler for certification up to a maximum of \$750.00 per year. Allocation of cost-share funds may take up to six months. This program expires September 30, 2010.

Cost-share funds are not available for producers and handlers who are exempt under 205.101 in the Federal Register. A production or handling operation that sells agricultural products as “organic” but whose gross agricultural income from organic sales is \$5,000.00 or less annually is exempt from certification under subpart E of this part and from submitting an organic system plan for acceptance or approval under 205.201 but must comply with the applicable organic production and handling requirements of subpart C of this part and the labeling requirements of 205.310.