

New Jersey Department of Agriculture Organic Certification Program

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Handler Fee Schedule

Gross Income	First Time Applicants	Annual Update
(from certified organic products)		
0 to \$10,000	\$300	\$200
\$10,001 to \$15,000	\$325	\$225
\$15,001 to \$20,000	\$350	\$250
\$20,001 to \$50,000	\$400	\$300
\$50,001 to \$100,000	\$475	\$375
\$100,001 to \$275,000	\$575	\$475
\$275,001 to \$500,000	\$700	\$600
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	\$900	\$800
\$1,000,001 to \$10,000,000	1/10 of 1% (.001) of	1/10 of 1% (.001) of gross
	gross organic income	organic income minus \$150
Over \$10,000,000	\$10,000	\$9,850

Additional Charges (if applicable):

Late Fees: Operations with updates not received by NJDA by COB of the due date will be charged \$75.00 late fee.

In addition to the certification fees set forth above, each applicant or updating client shall be charged a fee equal to the actual inspection costs incurred (avg. = \$670.00), not to exceed a rate of \$50.00 per hour. Additional charges below may be assessed if applicable. Do not include inspection fee or charges listed below at this time; you will be invoiced separately after inspection.

Inspection Cancellation Fee: If a scheduled inspection is cancelled by the applicant less than 48 hours in advance, a \$50.00 cancellation fee plus mileage charges, tolls, and inspector driving time (at \$25.00 per hour) will be assessed.

<u>A Returned Check Fee</u>: \$25.00 will be charged for all returned checks.

<u>Additional Site Fees</u>: \$40.00 per each additional facility / production area will be assessed if site is within ten miles of the main operation. If additional sites are greater than 10 miles, \$25.00 per hour driving time will be added to the additional site fee. Driving time will be charged in increments of one quarter of an hour and rounded off to the nearest one-quarter of an hour.

<u>Re-inspection Fee:</u> If a follow-up inspection is required to verify corrective actions or changes to the handling plan, the operation will be assessed 100% of the actual inspection costs incurred, not to exceed a rate of \$50.00 per hour plus mileage and tolls.

Instructions: Fill out and return the **Submitted Fees for Handler Application / Update** form (enclosed). The certification fee is on a sliding scale based on <u>gross income for certified organic products or service</u>. Certification fees must be submitted with the application or update. You will be invoiced for full cost of inspection fees incurred.

- Applicants who withdraw their application BEFORE the content assessment has taken place will be remitted their certification fees, minus the application order fee. Once a content assessment has taken place, applicants are not eligible for refunds of fees. Withdraw requests must be made in writing to the NJDA Organic Certification Program.
- Update fees are based upon the previous year's **actual** gross sales from certified products or services. The Supervisor of the Organic Certification Program or organic inspector may request to see proof of organic service/sales receipts.
- New applicant's certification fees are based upon **projected** gross sales from certified products or service during the first year of operation.