

# Baystate Organic Certifiers 2015 Fee Summary for New Applicants

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## **In General**

Baystate Organic Certifiers has a specific mission to provide low-cost certification services to operations of any size. Unlike many other certifying agents, we charge one all-inclusive application fee that combines the certification fee and the cost of the annual certification inspection. Baystate certifies operations primarily in CT, DE, MD, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, VA and VT. For operations in these states, we do not charge a separate inspection fee.

## **Application Fees and Fee Reimbursement**

All operations must pay an annual fee based on the projected gross value of the certified products handled by the operation. New operations pay an additional \$150 fee in their 1<sup>st</sup> year only.

*Each state government has Federal money available to refund organic certification fees, up to 75% of total fees or \$750, whichever is less. The fee schedule for all types of operations is as follows:*

Gross Value of Organic Products	New Operation Fee		Totals:	
	Annual Fee (1 <sup>st</sup> year only)	Before Costshare	After Costshare	
\$0 or more, but less than \$5,000	\$330	\$150	\$480	\$120
at least \$5,000, less than \$10,000	\$390	\$150	\$540	\$135
at least \$10,000, less than \$20,000	\$440	\$150	\$590	\$147.50
at least \$20,000, less than \$30,000	\$580	\$150	\$730	\$182.50
at least \$30,000, less than \$40,000	\$700	\$150	\$850	\$212.50
at least \$40,000, less than \$50,000	\$800	\$150	\$950	\$237.50
at least \$50,000, less than \$75,000	\$900	\$150	\$1050	\$300
at least \$75,000, less than \$100,000	\$1100	\$150	\$1250	\$500
at least \$100,000, less than \$200,000	\$1300	\$150	\$1450	\$700
at least \$200,000, less than \$300,000	\$1500	\$150	\$1650	\$900
at least \$300,000, less than \$500,000	\$1750	\$150	\$1900	\$1150
at least \$500,000, less than \$750,000	\$2000	\$150	\$2150	\$1400
at least \$750,000, less than \$1,000,000	\$2300	\$150	\$2450	\$1700
at least \$1,000,000, less than \$1,500,000	\$2800	\$150	\$2950	\$2200
at least \$1,500,000, less than \$2,000,000	\$3300	\$150	\$3450	\$2700
at least \$2,000,000, less than \$2,500,000	\$4000	\$150	\$4150	\$3400
at least \$2,500,000, less than \$3,000,000	\$4800	\$150	\$4950	\$4200
at least \$3,000,000, less than \$3,500,000	\$5700	\$150	\$5850	\$5100
at least \$3,500,000, less than \$4,000,000	\$6500	\$150	\$6650	\$5900
at least \$4,000,000, less than \$5,000,000	\$8000	\$150	\$8150	\$7400
at least \$5 million, less than \$10 million	\$11000	\$150	\$11150	\$10400
over \$10 million	\$15000	\$150	\$15150	\$14400

## **Copying Fee**

Two copies of every application must be submitted. If an applicant does not submit the original plus a copy, a \$30 copying fee is charged. This fee is waived for applications submitted electronically.

## **Partial Payment of Fees**

We realize that farming operations may not be able to afford the entire certification fee in the offseason. Therefore, growers have the option to defer paying up to 50% of their new or renewal certification fee until later in the year as long as they apply by June 15. See application materials for details.

## **Refunding Fees**

For new operations only, applications can be withdrawn and fees partially refunded only if the application is withdrawn before the inspection is performed. See application materials for details.

*Fee Schedules and Fee Worksheets are provided with all application packets.*