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Dear Organic Producer:

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), under the National Organic Certification Cost Assistance program, will make cost-share funds available this year for organic certification costs incurred between October 1, 2019 and September 30, 2020.

Individual producers and handlers may apply now for reimbursement of costs paid for certification of organic products. Payments to eligible producers will be limited to 50% of an individual producer's or handler's certification costs up to a maximum of \$500. If you have multiple certifications (crops *and* livestock, or production *and* processing/handling for example) you may be eligible for more than one cost share reimbursement. **Applications for cost share funds will be reimbursed in the order they are received until the funds are exhausted or the eligibility period ends, whichever comes first.**

You must submit fully completed applications no later than November 30, 2020.

Please submit the following items with your application:

- National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program Application Form (enclosed)
- A copy of all itemized invoices showing fees assessed for certification. Invoice means a receipt that shows evidence of payment (not only billing) of certification costs.
- A copy of your organic certificate(s) or a letter attesting to certification

Please Note: your application must contain your Employer Identification Number, Social Security Number, or a Substitute W-9 Form. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant for correction.

Mail to:

Alaska Division of Agriculture
Re: Organic Certification Cost Share Program
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Sincerely,

Mia Kirk
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