

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

Cost-Share Program Information

In the past, state departments of agriculture have administered the cost-share program to disburse reimbursements to organic producers and handlers qualifying for cost share assistance.

Beginning March 20, 2017, USDA will provide a uniform, streamlined process for organic producers and handlers to be able to visit their local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices to apply for organic certification cost share assistance.

USDA is making these changes to increase participation in the National Organic Certification Cost Share Program, and at the same time provide more opportunities for organic producers to access other USDA programs, such as disaster protection and loans for farms, facilities and marketing.

The Agricultural Marketing Service and the National Organic Program also sees this opportunity to leverage the Farm Service Agency's rural footprint to reach more organic producers and handlers.

