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# Share cost of organic certification

**O**RGANIC farmers and processors are invited to apply for certification cost-share funds for federal fiscal year 2009 (Oct. 1, 2008, through Sept. 30).

The federal farm bill provides funding for this program that helps organic farmers and processors with the cost of their

organic certification, an annual expense. Funds are distributed by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection through a cooperative agreement with the USDA National Organic Program.

Wisconsin's organic farmers and processors are certified

by private companies that are accredited by USDA. The cost-share program provides for reimbursement of 75% of their certification costs with a maximum payment of \$750 per farm or processor per year. All certified-organic farms and handlers are eligible for cost sharing on a first-come, first-served basis.

Applications for the fiscal year 2009 period are being accepted through Oct. 15.

"Application materials have been mailed out to over 1,200 farmers and handlers on our list," says Laura Paine, coordinator of the program for DATCP. "We've worked with certifiers to keep our list current, but we en-

courage people to contact us if they don't receive the packet."

Application materials are available online at [www.datcp.state.wi.us](http://www.datcp.state.wi.us) (search for "organic cost-share"). Or, request them by calling Paine at 608-224-5120 or e-mailing [laura.paine@wi.gov](mailto:laura.paine@wi.gov).

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