

2012 MOFGA CERTIFICATION SERVICES FEES FORM 2012

Name: _____ Business Name: _____

Certification fees are based on annual gross income from certified products from all fields, livestock and handling operations. Please have documentation available at your inspection that verifies income from sales of certified production. Applicants must estimate what production and sales will be in 2012.

1. Gross income from the sale of organic product in **2011** was \$ _____ .00.
2. Anticipated gross income from the sale of organic product in **2012** is \$ _____ .00.
3. Please select **Tier 1 or Tier 2**, then your **income level**, and write the fee in the appropriate column.

Selection of Tier 1 or Tier 2 (For more information see Practice Manual Part 4)

- All non-farm processors and/or handlers and/or maple syrup producers will use Tier 2.
 - Most farmers will use Tier 1.
 - Some farms with on-farm processing will use Tier 2. A positive answer to any one of the following questions will likely mean that Tier 2 is the appropriate fee schedule.
 - Are sales of processed products 25% or more of your overall sales? If yes, use Tier 2.
 - Is/Are off-farm or purchased ingredient(s) significant to your on-farm processing? If yes, use Tier 2.
 - Are you requesting certification for more than three types of processed products? If yes, use Tier 2.
- If you have any questions or comments please contact the certification office 568-4142**

TIER 1

Income at Least (\$)	But less than (\$)	Annual Fee	(select ↓)	Actual Expense after State Rebate	Actual Expense after State and MOFGA Rebate
0	2,500	\$325.00		\$81.25	\$43.75
2,500	5,000	\$375.00		\$93.75	\$50.00
5,000	10,000	\$550.00		\$137.50	\$75.00
10,000	25,000	\$675.00		\$168.75	
25,000	40,000	\$800.00		\$200.00	
40,000	100,000	\$1000.00		\$250.00	
100,000	200,000	\$1200.00		\$450.00	
200,000	300,000	\$1400.00		\$650.00	
300,000	500,000	\$1800.00		\$1050.00	
500,000	750,000	\$2000.00		\$1250.00	
750,000	1,000,000	\$2200.00		\$1450.00	
Over 1,000,000		\$2600.00		\$1850.00	

TIER 2

Income at Least (\$)	But less than (\$)	Annual Fee	(select ↓)	Actual Expense after State Rebate	Actual Expense after State and MOFGA Rebate
0	2,500	\$375.00		\$93.75	\$43.75
2,500	5,000	\$425.00		\$106.25	\$50.00
5,000	10,000	\$600.00		\$150.00	\$75.00
10,000	25,000	\$725.00		\$181.25	
25,000	40,000	\$850.00		\$212.50	
40,000	100,000	\$1050.00		\$300.00	
100,000	200,000	\$1250.00		\$500.00	
200,000	300,000	\$1450.00		\$700.00	
300,000	500,000	\$1850.00		\$1100.00	
500,000	750,000	\$2050.00		\$1300.00	
750,000	1,000,000	\$2250.00		\$1500.00	
Over 1,000,000		\$2650.00		\$1900.00	

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4. **Additional Fees**—Please select all that apply to your operation. If you have questions, email certification@mofga.org or call 568-4142. **Calculate your total amount due and enter the amount you have enclosed.**

New Applicant Fee	\$25.00	
Late Fee #1. Postmark is within 10 calendar days past the deadline. ¹	\$20.00	
Late Fee #2. Postmark is within 11-20 calendar days past the deadline. ¹	\$50.00	
Late Fee #3. Postmark is within 21-30 calendar days past the deadline. ¹	\$75.00	
Late Fee #4. Postmark is within 31-40 calendar days past the deadline. ¹	\$100.00	
Late Fee #5. Postmark is within 41-50+ calendar days past the deadline. ¹	\$150.00	
Multiple location surcharges. See Part 4 of Practice Manual.	\$25/\$35/TBD	
Special Additional Expense (e.g., processing at subcontracted facility)—if any— TBD with Certification Staff	_____	
Optional: MOFGA Membership. Join or Renew. For more levels & info, call MOFGA at 568-4142.		
Individual	\$35.00**	
Family	\$50.00**	
Business	\$150.00**	
Memberships with Canadian mailing addresses require an additional \$12 for the newspaper subscription.	\$12.00	
MOFGA logo fee for those who choose not to be a MOFGA member but who want to use MOFGA's Certified Organic Logo.	\$35.00	
Income Based Certification Fee from Side 1 of this Form:		
Please calculate the total amount you owe:		
<p>MOFGA Small Producer Reimbursement Program: In support of small & beginning producers, MOFGA offers producers grossing \$9,999 or less on annual organic sales a small reimbursement at year-end based on the difference in out-of-pocket fee expenses between 2008 and 2012. If you wish to receive this reimbursement please check [✓] this box⇒. If you prefer that MOFGA keep this money in support of its many other programs, please leave the box blank.</p>		
Please write the amount enclosed:		
<p>Make check payable to MOFGA. Write "Certification" in Memo. Please enclose this sheet with your payment and application. Make a copy for your records.</p> <p>Thank you for selecting MOFGA Certification Services, LLC.</p>		

The State of Maine Department of Agriculture administers a federal cost-sharing program that reimburses certified organic growers and handlers within Maine 75% of their certification expenses (to a maximum of \$750). Payments are issued at the end of the year by the State based on data provided to them by MCS.

¹ See Part 4 of the 2012 Practice Manual for Deadlines.