

**Agricultural Marketing and Development Division Phone: 651-201-6012**

**2016 Minnesota Transition to Organic Program**

If you are a farmer in transition to organic, we will reimburse up to 75% of some costs associated with transition. The maximum payment is \$750/year for up to three years. To qualify, you must live and farm in Minnesota and you cannot own or operate any already-certified organic land. You must provide a document from a USDA-accredited organic certification agency confirming that you are in transition status and that you had a practice on-farm inspection between 1/1/16 and 12/31/16. **You can apply at any time, but applications for the 2016 program must be postmarked by Feb. 14, 2017.** If you achieve certification on or before 9/30/16, you do not qualify for this program, but you can apply for the Organic Certification Cost Share Program instead. Call 651-201-6012.

**First Name/MI** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Operation**      **Crop**      **Livestock**      **Both**      **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Organic Certifying Agency You Are Working With** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Your Practice On-Farm Inspection** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you own or operate any land that is already certified organic?**      **Yes**      **No**

**Which of the following eligible costs did you pay between 1/1/16 and 12/31/16? Be sure to provide copies of paid receipts (or invoice and cancelled check).**

Item	Cost
Certifier costs (e.g., application, review, inspection)	\$
Soil tests	\$
Registration fee for up to two people from the farm to attend one of the following conferences: Minnesota Organic, MOSES Organic, Iowa Organic, Northern Plains Sustainable Agriculture Society. Who attended? (names)	\$
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Enclose**

1. A letter or other document from your certifying agency that verifies you are in transition and had an on-farm practice inspection between 1/1/16 AND 12/31/16.
2. Receipts (or invoice + cancelled check) for any costs listed above.
3. Completed IRS Form W-9.

*Note: We are requesting IRS Form W-9 in order to issue a payment to you. You are not legally required to give us this information, but we will be unable to process your claim without it. No one will have access to your social security number except those permitted access by law, by your written consent, by a court order, or by those department employees whose job duties require access.*

I hereby attest that the information submitted on and with this form is true, complete, and accurate.

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by Minnesota Department of Agriculture**      Funding String \_\_\_\_\_

Claim approved. Claim is complete and claimant was determined to meet all program eligibility requirements.

Claim denied. Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Eligible Costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_ x 75% = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Claim Reimbursement \$ \_\_\_\_\_