

RI Organic Certification Program

How to Apply

Producer New and Annual Update application submission deadline is April 17th.

Required application forms and documentation are listed below for each category and type of application. The application forms are downloadable in PDF format:

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bnatres/agricult/orgcert.php>

RIDEM is not accredited to certify organic handlers. Certification agencies which are accredited by USDA to certify organic handlers can be found on the USDA NOP Accredited Certifiers web page:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/NOPACAs>

Crop Producer New Application

- Forms to be completed by new applicants for the crop producer category: Application for Certification, Farm Plan Questionnaire, Field History Report (for each of the previous three years)
- Additional documentation: Current soil test results, Farm maps, Input purchase receipts and any other supporting documentation

Crop Producer Annual Update

- Forms to be completed for the annual update for the crop producer category: Farm Plan Update Questionnaire, Field History Report (for the previous cropping season for certified fields; for each of the previous three years for new fields requested for certification)
- Additional documentation: Current soil test results, Updated farm maps, Input purchase receipts and any other supporting documentation

Livestock Producer New Application

- Forms to be completed by new applicants for the organic livestock producer category: Application for Certification, Organic Livestock Plan Questionnaire. A separate Organic Farm Plan Questionnaire also must be filled out if the farm is growing its own feed or any crops, including pasture.
- Additional documentation: Farm maps, Purchase receipts for materials, supplements, medications and feed, Animal purchase and/or breeding records, and any other supporting documentation. Additional documentation required for the Organic Farm (Crops) Plan also must be submitted as specified for that plan. If you are requesting certification of ruminants, please include (1 a pasture plan as described in NOP Standard 205.237 (e.g. NRCS Pasture/Rangeland plan) and 2) documentation that the pasture plan complies with NOP Standard 205.240 (e.g. USDA NOP DMI calculation worksheet).

Livestock Producer Annual Update

- Forms to be completed for the annual update for the organic livestock producer category: Organic Livestock Plan Questionnaire. A separate Organic Farm (Crops) Plan Update Questionnaire also must be filled out if the farm is growing its own feed or any crops, including pasture.
- Additional documentation: Farm maps, Purchase receipts for materials, supplements, medications and feed, Animal purchase and/or breeding records, and any supporting documentation. If you are requesting certification of ruminants, please include (1 a pasture plan as described in NOP Standard 205.237 (e.g. NRCS Pasture/Rangeland plan) and 2) documentation that the pasture plan complies with NOP Standard 205.240 (e.g. USDA NOP DMI calculation worksheet).
- Additional documentation required when applying for update of the Organic Farm (Crops) Plan also must be submitted as specified for that plan.