

GCIA Organic Certification Program Fee Schedule (Effective 1/1/23)

Organic Crop Operation (Grower/Producer)

- \$975.00 Initial Administration Fee with farms in excess of 20 acres add \$7.00 per acre
- \$925.00 Annual Renewal Administration Fee with farms in excess of 20 acres add \$7.00 per acre
 - Assessment calculation: Assessment of 0.5% (one-half of one percent) of gross organic sales.
 - 2023 Minimum assessment \$100.00. 2024 Minimum assessment \$300.00. Maximum assessment \$20,000.00.
- \$100.00 Surcharge*

Organic Greenhouse, Hydroponic, and Aquaponic Operation

- \$875.00 Initial Administration Fee
- \$825.00 Annual Renewal Administration Fee
 - Assessment calculation: Assessment of 0.5% (one-half of one percent) of gross organic sales.
 - 2023 Minimum assessment \$100.00. 2024 Minimum assessment \$300.00. Maximum assessment \$20,000.00
- \$100.00 Surcharge*

Organic Livestock/Forage Operation

Please note: we no longer certify ruminant animal operations

- \$975.00 Initial Administration Fee with farms in excess of 500 acres add \$2.00 per acre
- \$925.00 Annual Renewal Administration Fee with farms in excess of 500 acres add \$2.00 per acre
 - Assessment calculation: Assessment of 0.5% (one-half of one percent) of gross organic sales.
 - 2023 Minimum assessment \$100.00. 2024 Minimum assessment \$300.00. Maximum assessment \$20,000.00
- \$100.00 Surcharge*

Organic Processor/Handler Operation

- \$875.00 Initial Administration Fee
- \$825.00 Annual Renewal Administration Fee
- Assessment calculation:
 - Assessment of 0.5% (one-half of one percent) of gross organic sales minus cost of raw certified organic product.
 - 2023 Minimum assessment \$200.00. 2024 Minimum assessment \$400.00. Maximum assessment \$20,000.00
- \$100.00 Surcharge*

Label Fees for Initial applications, renewals and new products: Operations submitting more than 10 products/labels with initial application or renewal, there is a review fee of \$10.00 per product/label. New product or labels submitted for review apart from renewal application, incur a \$50.00 fee for each product.

Sales Assessments are due from every certified operation, including operations with the same owner (Crops/Processor-Handler).

- The Crops operation will submit the value of their organic product for assessment.
- The Processor/Handler may deduct the Crops operation organic sales value submitted from their gross organic sales, and be assessed on the net organic sales.

* Georgia Crop Improvement Association's surcharge will be \$100.00 for each application, initial and renewals, to cover: (1) The NOP requires that 5% of all clients be tested for residue compliance. (2) The NOP requires that 5% of all clients receive an unannounced inspection. (3) The NOP requires that GCIAOCP be audited by the USDA/AMS every 30 months for compliance to NOP Rules and Regulations.

OTHER CHARGES

Re-inspections: Re-inspections will be charged at the rate of \$50.00 per hour

Travel: Mileage will be charged to the applicant at the prevailing IRS rate when application is made. All other travel expenses as lodging, meals and/or airfare will be charged to the applicant if incurred.

Transaction Certificates (For Export): \$100.00 per certificate

Certification Fee Refund Policy: Certification fees are non-refundable except in the following instance – The withdrawal of initial application prior to the onsite inspection. A processing fee of \$50.00 will be retained by GCIAOCP. Refunds will be made after application has been withdrawn.

Interest of 1.5% per month will be charged on all past due accounts. A Notice of Noncompliance will be sent to the USDA National Organic Program for failure to pay renewal fees or sales assessment within 30 days of invoice.

THE GCIAOCP RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AUDIT SALES RECORDS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT RECORDS.