



Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Division of Marketing and Development



**FOOD SAFETY CERTIFICATION ASSISTANCE FOR
FLORIDA SPECIALTY CROP GROWERS**

WILTON SIMPSON
COMMISSIONER

Applicant Name: _____

Title: _____

Company Name: _____

FEID Number: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Type of Food Safety Certification Obtained: _____

Total Certification Costs: _____

Amount Requested for Reimbursement (75% of Total Certification Costs): _____

Is this the first time this operation has obtained food safety certification? _____

By signing this application for cost-share reimbursement, I confirm that I have read, understand, and will abide by the terms and conditions of the Florida Food Safety Certification Cost Share Program for Specialty Crops. I certify that all the information included within this application is correct.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Food Safety Certification Assistance for Florida Specialty Crop Growers

The purpose of this Assistance program is to reimburse Florida growers of specialty crops 75% of costs they incur to obtain food safety certification for their specialty crop operations, up to a total of \$2,500 per applicant. Specialty crops are defined as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, and horticulture products, including floriculture.

To qualify for reimbursement, the applicant must obtain food safety certification of its specialty crop producing operations between October 1, 2021 to September 1, 2022.

Reimbursement will be paid only for specialty crop commodity certification, and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis until available funds are exhausted. Producers must be located within the state of Florida to be eligible for reimbursement, and the certified operations must also be within the state. Eligible food safety certifications will include those offered for specialty crops by the USDA GAP/GHP, GFSI, GlobalGAP, or SQF programs. To be eligible for reimbursement, applicants will be required to:

1. Preliminary steps before emailing an application for reimbursement:
 - a. Register your business in the [MyFloridaMarketplace vendor system](#), which is operated by the Florida Department of Management Services.
 - b. Register your business with the [Florida Department of Financial Services vendor system](#) and provide a substitute W9 form.
2. Complete the application form and email it to SpecialtyCrop@FDACS.gov. Include the following documentation with the application:
 - a. Proof of successful certification, including location of certified operation(s) and certified commodities.
 - b. Invoices marked 'paid', cancelled checks, or other substantial documentation of any costs to be reimbursed.

Each operation may only receive one reimbursement per year the program is offered, and no operation may receive more than 75% of total certification costs or \$2,500.00 total reimbursement, whichever is lower.

Costs eligible for reimbursement are those directly related to the certification process, application fees, on-farm audit costs, travel expenses of auditors, or federal certification fees.

Costs not eligible for reimbursement include late fees, inspections due to violations, transitional certifications, materials and supplies, and equipment.

Email application and documentation of all costs to: SpecialtyCrop@FDACS.gov

Florida's SCBGP Contact Information:

Phone: (850) 617-7397

Email: SpecialtyCrop@FDACS.gov

Mailing Address:

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Specialty Crop Food Safety Certification Cost-Share

407 South Calhoun Street, M9

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0800

FDACS Internal Use Only		
1. Operation name		
2. Already reimbursed?	Yes	No
3. Total of documented, allowable certification costs		
4. 75% of Line 3		
Reimbursement Cap: \$2,500 per certified entity		
5. Amount to be reimbursed		
6. Notes on any disallowed costs		

Org Code: 4206011002023 EO: GF Object Code: 740100 Invoice Number: 22-_____
