



PCO Regenerative Organic Certified™ Fee Schedule

This fee schedule applies for any operation seeking to be Regenerative Organic Certified™ (ROC™). The program fees consist of (1) PCO Certification fees and (2) Regenerative Organic Alliance (ROA) application and licensing fees. *Producers may be eligible for cost share assistance.*

1. PCO Certification Fees

A. Program Fees			
Basic ROC Fee	Amount:	Description	
PCO Certified Organic Client	\$800	Current PCO Certified Organic client adding on ROC certification; or applying client for both organic and ROC	
Non PCO Certified Organic Client	\$1,000	Certified Organic client with another agency but applying to PCO for ROC Certification; annual fee for the upcoming season	
Scope Fee			
Amount:	Description		
Crops Only	\$150	Operation does not have commercial livestock and is only requesting review to the Soil Health and Social Fairness Pillars	
Commercial Livestock	\$400	Operation is requesting a review to all three soil health pillars	
Dairy	\$500	Operation has commercial dairy production	
B. Inspection Fees			
Fee:	Amount:	Description	
Farm / producer Inspections	\$58 / hour	Hourly rate includes time spent on and offsite	
Processor / handler / broker / distributor Inspections	\$65 / hour	Hourly rate includes time spent on and offsite	
Travel time	\$30 / hour		
Inspection expenses	Actual cost	Examples include mileage, airfare, overnight mail, rental car, and other expenses.	
Inspection cancelled by client	Expenses incurred up to the time it was cancelled plus \$100 administrative fee	Applies to inspections cancelled for non-justified reasons 5 days or less from the time of the scheduled inspection, or if a cancellation request is not communicated to the inspector	
C. Administrative Fees			
Fee:	Amount:	Description	
Application Forms	No charge		
Late payment	1.5% interest per month	More than 30 days past due date	
Payment Plan	5% of balance	Assessed on balance to be paid over extended period	
Circumstances not otherwise covered in this fee schedule	\$75 per hour		

2. ROA Application and Licensing Fees (paid directly to ROA): The ROC Cost & Fee Structure is subject to change. To view the most up to date fees associated with certification, please visit: www.regenorganic.org/resources and look for “Cost & Fee Structure”. You can also request a hard copy of the ROC fees by calling the PCO office at 814-422-0251.

3. Description of Fees and Refund Policy

a. **PCO Certification Fees:**

- i. Basic Fees are a fee due annually to PCO with your initial application and renewal of certification. It covers basic certification services for the upcoming certification season. This is in addition to the inspection fee.
- ii. Scope Fees are assessed for the type of operation or scope being requested for certification at initial application and annually thereafter. These fees cover the additional time and expertise required to certify these types of operations.
- iii. Inspection Fees are charged at an hourly rate and vary based upon the complexity of the operation inspected, the ability to group with other nearby inspections, the distance the inspector must travel, and how long the inspection takes. PCO works hard to coordinate inspections in geographic regions to minimize travel time.
- iv. Inspection Cancellation If you cancel a scheduled inspection with less than 5 days' notice (from the date of the scheduled inspection), you will be assessed the inspector's preparation time, reimbursable expenses (travel, lodging, etc.) that have been incurred for the planned trip, as well as an administrative fee of \$100 USD. If the inspector is en route, the client will be billed for travel time, in addition to the above listed costs.
- v. Administrative Fees are as described in the table

b. **Refund Policy**

- i. Currently certified operations wishing to surrender their certification or new applicants withdrawing their application may be eligible for a partial refund. Refunds for certified operations are based on fees paid in the current calendar year and due date of annual update paperwork. Refunds for new applicants are based on the initial review. After the annual update due date, Organic Certification Program fees (section A) may be eligible for a 50% refund. All Inspection fees (section B) and Administrative fees (section C) are non-refundable.

Scenario:	Client / Applicant Refund:
Surrender of Certification before March 1 and completed Annual Update paperwork was not submitted	100% of Organic Certification Program fees (section A)
Surrender of Certification before March 1 and completed Annual Update paperwork was submitted	50% of Organic Certification Program fees (section A)
Surrender of Certification after March 1 and Annual Update paperwork was not submitted	50% of Organic Certification Program fees (section A)
Surrender of Certification after March 1 and Annual Update paperwork was submitted	No refund
Withdraw of Application prior to audit assignment to PCO	100% of Organic Certification Program fees (section A)
Withdraw of Application after audit assignment to PCO but prior to initial review	50% of Organic Certification Program fees (section A)
Withdraw of Application after initial review	No refund
PCO unable to accept expedited request	PCO will keep payment as a credit and refund balance after inspection has been conducted or refund if applicant withdraws application.
Certification is Denied, Suspended, or Revoked	No refund

c. **ROA Application and Licensing Fees**

- i. ROA will collect an annual licensing fee based on the calculation for the estimated value of the ROC crop/product: Gross Regenerative Organic Crop/Product Value (GROCV or GROPV). ROA accepts estimates and requires these numbers to be updated annually. A Cost & Fee Worksheet is available at www.regenorganic.org/resources to estimate fees.

d. **ROC Farmer Cost Share Program**

- i. The Farmer Cost-Share Program provided financial help to producers and handlers who are applying to ROC™. This is administered through ROA on a first come, first serve basis. For more information and to apply for funding, please see www.regenorganic.org/roc-farmer-cost-share-program/

This fee schedule is effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.