

Food Safety Audit Cost-share Application

The Illiana Watermelon Association, as a sub-grantee under Purdue University, through an Indiana Specialty Crops Grant, is offering an Audit Cost-Sharing program for IWA members who receive passing scores on their third party audits. All members whose packing houses, crews, or ranches are located in Indiana are eligible. For members with operations in multiple states, audit costs will not be reimbursed for any activity taking place outside the state of Indiana.

What is the program?

This program is two-fold. First, IWA has solicited bids from third party audit providers for a reduced-cost audit program for its members. Once an agreement has been reached, IWA will announce the selected provider and distribute contact information to its members. It is expected that through collective bargaining we will be able to realize a substantial savings on audit cost for our membership.

Second, for members choosing to engage the services of the third party auditor selected above, the program will reimburse 75% of the audit cost with a maximum dollar amount of \$1500 per farmer. For members choosing to engage the services of any other third party auditor, the program will reimburse 60% of the audit cost with a maximum dollar amount of \$1200 per farmer.

What do you need to apply?

- Complete the attached application and submit on a timely basis (by July 1, 2015).
- Make arrangements for a food safety audit. This can be a GAPs audit, GHPs audit, or Global Food Safety Initiative audit.
- Be an IWA member in good standing (dues paid & no monies owing to IWA over 30 days past due).
- If you are a broker/shipper, you must be willing to pass along this savings to the grower(s) by signing a release form acknowledging that grower(s) has been given credit for monies received under this grant.

Selection Criteria

- The IWA member must meet the above criteria.
- Money is limited and will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

How to receive your Cost-Share after being notified of official acceptance in program

1. Each applicant will need to complete a W-9 form.
2. A copy of the food safety certificate and audit invoice must be submitted to IWA.
3. Proof of payment for the audit must be included, either a paid receipt or a copy of the cancelled check.

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IWA, PO BOX 618, VINCENNES IN 47591

Date: _____

Name(s) _____

Farm/ Organization Name _____

Indiana Address _____

Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Website: _____

Please check the line that best describes your operation in Indiana:

Grower Shipper/broker Packing House Other (please describe in attachment)

If you are a broker coordinating and paying for audit services, please complete one form for each farm you represent in the state of Indiana and provide the address of its owner or location above. Your cost reimbursement must be passed along to your growers in full. A release form acknowledging this will be provided to you if your application is pre-qualified. Release forms will require a notary's signature.

What is the approximate total cost of audit services you paid for in 2014?

What is the estimated total cost of audit services you will pay for in 2015?

What audit certifications are planned for 2015?

In 2015, are you planning to obtain audit services that are new in any way—i.e., different scope, different crop, different level, different provider?

SEND TO IWA at address above. Form must be complete and received no later than July 1, 2015.

Funds are limited by the grant and will be disbursed on a first-come-first-served basis.