



# The Road to Regenerative Organic Certified

## 1 Submit an initial application online

Apply online to ROC at [RegenOrganic.org/Apply](https://RegenOrganic.org/Apply). You'll need to pay a fee at the time you submit your application.

You'll select a preference for your certifying body (CB) when you apply, and you'll be paired with one in step 3.

You should receive a confirmation upon submitting your application.

## 2 Submit your Regenerative Organic System Plan

If your operation is eligible for ROC, we'll send to you a customized Regenerative Organic System Plan (ROSP). The ROSP is tailored specifically to your operation based on your product type(s), your other certifications, the level of ROC you're pursuing, and your location.

Complete and return the ROSP to proceed. The ROA may contact you for additional information.

## 3 Get paired with a certifying body (CB)

An approved organic certifying body (CB) will be assigned to your application. They will review your ROSP, answer any questions, and assign you a contact at their agency. Each certifier is unique in how they support applicants through the process.

Your CB will provide you with an estimate of costs. CBs collect all fees on behalf of the ROA, so from this step forward, you'll make any payments to the CB.

## 6 Get Regenerative Organic Certified!™

Your certifying body makes the final certification decision, and the Regenerative Organic Alliance (ROA) issues the certificate (first via email and later by mail). We can't wait to welcome you into the family!

If your operation doesn't earn certification, you may be eligible to reapply depending on your results.

## 5 Final Review

Your CB will review the auditor's report and communicate with you about any issues, questions, or follow-up requests.

## 4 Have an audit

An annual audit is required to achieve and maintain ROC status. In some cases, farms can bundle their ROC audit with their Organic audit. If not, a separate ROC audit covering the aspects of your operation not already addressed by your other certifications will be necessary.

The ROC auditor will go over your ROSP, observe your farm and facility, interview any relevant persons, and review your records with you.

**Questions? Send them to [certification@regenorganic.org](mailto:certification@regenorganic.org) any time.**