



Food Safety Audit Cost-Share Program

Administered by the Delaware Department of Agriculture

This cost - share program is designed to assist Delaware fruit and vegetable growers with the cost of a third party food safety audit. Delaware growers can now receive financial support in obtaining a third party audit to verify they are following effective food safety practices. Audits verify that fruits and vegetables are produced, packed, handled, and stored in the safest manner possible to minimize risks of microbial food safety hazards.

The Delaware Department of Agriculture, Food Products Inspection Section, will pay 80 percent of the cost of a USDA AMS or commercial third party food safety audit with a maximum reimbursement of \$1,000 per year.

To be eligible for assistance, Delaware fruit and vegetable growers must meet the following requirements:

- Growers must have **successfully** completed a third-party USDA AMS or commercial audit.
- The audit must be conducted between **November 15, 2014 and September 29, 2017**. In the event of limited funds, preference will be given to audits on a first come, first serve basis until funds are depleted.

Applicants must fully complete the necessary application and be able to show verification of successful audit completion, billing and proof of payment for the audit. In addition, the State of Delaware requires a Substitute Form W-9 for all payees before payments can be made. This form can be located at <https://w9accounting.delaware.gov/W9form.aspx>.

For information regarding Delaware Department of Agriculture/USDA AMS food safety audits please contact Brenda Clements, Food Products Inspection Field Supervisor at 302-698-4546 or via email at Brenda.Clements@state.de.us

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