

**Certified Agricultural Producer
County Fuel-Energy Tax Application**

Name _____
Farm/Business Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone _____
Acreage _____
Property ID (Tax Account #) _____
Tenant Farmer (if applicable) _____

Qualifications for Certified Agricultural Producer

In order to qualify as a Certified Agricultural Producer, please check all of the appropriate Agricultural Programs and/or Services that apply to your farming operation.

- _____ (1) Any producer with property encumbered by the following easement programs:
_____ (a) Agriculture Easement Program (AEP); or
_____ (b) Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF); or
_____ (c) Montgomery Rural Legacy Program (RLP)
_____ (d) Maryland Environmental Trust (MET)
_____ (e) Building Lot Termination Easement Program (BLT)
- _____ (2) Any producer enrolled with the Montgomery Soil Conservation District.
- _____ (3) Any producer enrolled in the Maryland Nutrient Management Program.
- _____ (4) Any producer enrolled with the United States Department of Agriculture and Farm Service Agency.
- _____ (5) Any producer enrolled with the Montgomery County Extension.
- _____ (6) Any producer enrolled as a member of the Montgomery County Farmers Market Association.
- _____ (7) Any producer approved as a Certified Organic grower by the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

Verification that Agricultural Producers Meet the Eligibility Criteria

- A. The Department of Economic Development will verify to the Department of Finance that the applicant meets the eligibility criteria listed in (1) through (7), prior to approving the applicant's Certification as an Agricultural Producer.
- B. The Department of Economic Development will maintain all applications for each Certified Agricultural Producer and update the records bi-annually.
- C. The Department of Economic Development will transmit a list of Certified Agricultural Producers to the Department of Finance and the Department of Finance will transmit this list of all Certified Agricultural Producers to all of the known fuel-energy suppliers in Montgomery County.
- D. In the event that the applicant does not meet any of the qualifications listed above, the Department of Economic Development will review the applicant's claim of eligibility and determine, based upon evidence of production provided by the applicant and verified by the agricultural agencies above if the applicant shall be certified as an Agricultural Producer.
- E. The Department of Economic Development will forward a letter to the property owner/tenant farmer acknowledging that he or she has met the eligibility requirements and is designated as a Certified Agricultural Producer.