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The Transition to Organic Partnership Program (TOPP) was formed through cooperative agreements between the USDA and non-profit organizations to provide technical assistance and support for transitioning and existing organic farmers. A calendar of events held by partner organizations can be found at the following link: <https://www.organictransition.org/events/>

A selection of upcoming events is included below:

Marbleseed's Full Circle Organic Experience Field Day, Seymour, WI - June 1

TOPP's Organic Overview from Soil to Inspection, Shepherdstown, WV - June 1

SDSPA's Understanding Risk Management and Transitioning to Organic Crop and Livestock Production, virtual webinar - June 5

CFAC's Organic Certification Workshop, virtual workshop - June 6

NOFA MASS: BIPOC Networking event, Arlington, MA - June 8

OEFFA's Organics 101: What is Organic, webinar - June 10

TOPP's Organic Production Long Term, virtual - June 11

TOPP's Organic Agriculture Conference, Memphis, TN - June 12-13

The USDA AMS National Organic Program (NOP) provides an email notification service to send out updates to the organic community. The Organic Insider sent out on May 22nd discussed the USDA Farm Service Agency's Organic Certification Cost-Share Program (OCCSP) which can cover up to 75 percent of the cost for organic certification. This program is intended to help producers maintain certification. To read more from the Organic Insider, view archives, or register to receive updates by email visit: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/reports/organic-insider>

In a recently published blog post on the USDA website, the Marketing and Regulatory Programs Under Secretary discussed a new toolkit available for consumers to help them better understand the USDA Organic label. This new toolkit contains signs and messages made for posting in stores or online to help inform shoppers about requirements for a variety of organic products and the USDA Organic seal. To read more on this topic, or to find other USDA blog postings visit: <https://www.usda.gov/media/blog>

The National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) is seeking nominations to fill five vacant spots, with terms beginning in January 2025. Board members represent specific sectors of the organic community and serve a 5-year term. Applications are due by June 28, 2024 and can be submitted electronically or by mail postmarked by the due date. More information about the current board openings, duties of board members, or application visit the following link: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic/nosb/nomination-process>

One of the nation's largest organic dairy cooperatives recently discussed growth it has seen in 2023 and in 2024. A spokesperson for the organization stated they added 84 new farms last year, and plan to add 100 more before the end of 2024. The organization feels their focus on organic farming enables them to provide nutritious food. The spokesperson noted USDA's climate-smart investments made in recent years have been a boon to member farms.

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