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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:

OEFFA's Grazing Innovations Pasture Walk, Troy, OH - July 13
UMass Ext.'s Field Walk at Morning Glory Farm, Edgartown, MA - July 17
NOFA NH's Farmers Organic Roundtable: Cost Share Program, Virtual - July 18
Alabama CRAFT's Market Access for Organic, Sustainable, and Specialty Growers Panel - July 18
Rodale's Organic Field Day, Kutztown, PA - July 19
VABF's Demystifying Organic Workshop, Louisa, VA - July 19
IOA's Field Day: Organic Dairy Processing, Kalona, IA - July 25

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 July 10th warned readers of phishing scams using the USDA logo and/or the INTEGRITY Database Banner. The newsletter pointed readers to what to look for in determining if an email may be from a fake sender. A key point in this email was to note that all emails from the USDA, AMS, or the NOP will come from "usda.gov" domains and to verify this an email recipient can check between carats (<sample) or brackets [sample.email@domain.com]. 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>

Farmers.gov, a website made by the USDA hosts resources and information for producers. In a July 5th blog post shared on the site titled "Fridays on the Farm: Planting Urban Roots in South Carolina" discussing a certified organic farm which has utilized resources provided by the USDA's Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation service to build facilities and implement conservation practices. The USDA provides resources to aid farmers with risk management, disaster assistance, loans, and conservation programs. The Farmers.Gov homepage includes important dates including the deadline to apply for the National Organic Program's Organic Certification Cost Share Program on October 31, 2024. To learn more or find a local USDA service center visit: <https://www.farmers.gov/>

The USDA recently announce expanded crop insurance options for specialty and organic growers for the 2025 crop year. The USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) is allowing expanded coverage options by allowing enterprise units by organic farming practice, adding enterprise unit eligibility for several crops, and providing additional policy updates. In the release announcement it was noted this was the first announcement of several planned for the summer, including new Organic Practice Guidelines for the upcoming crop year. To read more from regarding this topic, or view other press releases from the RMA visit: <https://www.rma.usda.gov/News-Room/Press/Press-Releases>

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