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The USDA AMS National Organic Program (NOP) provides an email notification service to send out updates to the organic community. The Organic Insider released on April 1 included a link to and information about the recently released 2024 NOP Program Handbook Update. Updates were made to the handbook following the implementation of the Strengthening Organic Enforcement rule. Additional changes were made to the handbook as educational resources were moved to the NOP website and the Organic Integrity Learning Center. 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>

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 are included below:

MSU's Is Organic Right for My Farm?, Virtual Webinar - April 5
Central Oregon Ag Show, Redmond, Or - April 5-7
FARRMS Diving Deeper Into Organic, Virtual Meeting - April 11
MOA's Organic in the Ozarks, Mt. Vernon, MO - April 12

The USDA - Economic Research Service (ERS) recently released an article discussing programs created by the USDA from 2021-2023 in response to disruptions to organic markets contributing to a recent decrease in organic certified organic land. Programs discussed in this article include the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Organic Initiative, the Farm Service Agency's Organic and Transitional Education and Certification Program (OTECP) and Organic Dairy Marketing Assistance Program (ODMAP), the Risk Management Agency's Transitional and Organic Grower Assistance (TOGA) program, the Agricultural Marketing Service's Organic Market Development Grant (OMDG) and Transition to Organic Partnership Program (TOPP), and two Natural Resources Conservation Service Organic Transition initiative investments which included hiring exports and providing training for field staff. The full article can be read at the following link: <https://www.ers.usda.gov/amber-waves/2024/march/usda-created-organic-assistance-programs-from-2021-23-in-response-to-disruptions-decreased-organic-transitioning-acreage/>

The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) releases monthly export data which includes export volumes and values for organic milk categorized as HS-10 code 0401201000. Recently released data for February 2024 indicated organic milk exports were 116,554 liters, up 83.9 percent from the month prior, and up 102.5 percent from 2023. Exports of organic milk from the start of the year through February are up 22.1 percent, compared to the same time period one year ago.

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