

# Organic *INTEGRITY* Database Public Update Webinar

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**Information Technology Service (ITS)** 

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#### **Agenda**



- Project Overview
- Organic INTEGRITY Database
  - Home Page Basic Search
  - Advanced Search
  - Search Results Export and Other Reports
  - Web Services for App Developers
  - Certifier Locator and Certifier Profile
  - Organic Certificates Module
  - How Data is Being Used
- Looking Ahead

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## **Vision: The Organic Integrity Database**



The NOP is responsible for the integrity of the USDA organic seal

The Organic *INTEGRITY* Database is a modernized certified organic operations database that:

- Contains up-to-date and accurate information, deterring fraud
- Increases supply chain transparency
- Promotes market visibility for organic operations

Key questions team regularly asks:

- What do we build to meet both near-term and long-term expectations for success?
- What do we build to accommodate diverse certification systems across certifiers?

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# **Big Picture Project Timeline**



Spring – Fall 2014	Farm Bill funding allocated for Database; Convened team and completed acquisition strategy
Fall 2014 – Spring 2015	Convened certifier user group; public webinar and feedback session with certifiers; formalized release plan
March 2015	Contract awards to Intact and Harmonia
March-July 2015	5 meetings with certifier user group; system design and development
August - September 2015	Public Webinar Update; Memo to Certifiers on launch; certifier training presentation and feedback; launch of public-facing system (Release 1)
October-November 2015	Certifier outreach and technical assistance with new template format, volunteer certifier user testing, feedback
December 2015	Public Webinar Update; launch of NOP and Certifier section of system (Release 1.1)
January 2016	Launch of updated search functionality and new reports; certifier training; finalization of 2016 list (Release 2)
March 2016	Launched web services for certifier data submission; basic certifier profile; operation history tracking status changes at operation and scope level (Release 2.1)
May-June 2016	Public Webinar Update; launch of Certifier Locator and full certifier profile; updated search functionality; new comprehensive search results export (Release 3)
September-October 2016	Public Webinar Update; launched web services for public data access; certificate module; improved system navigation; improved data exports to template for certifier updates (Release 4)

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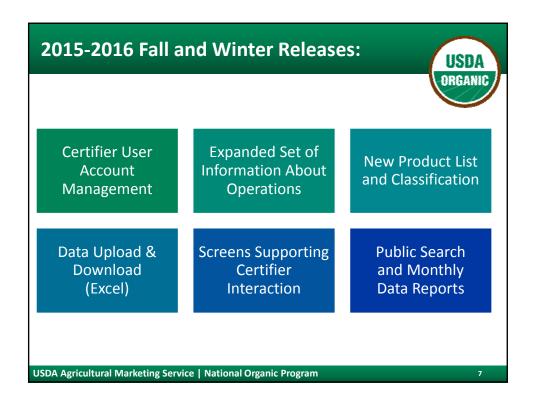
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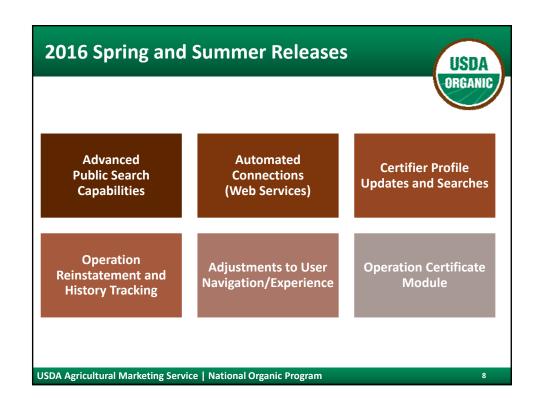
# Meet the Award Winning Team! AMS: NOP & ITS, Intact, Harmonia, and Certifiers





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#### In Other Words, Because of INTEGRITY....



- Certifiers can login to the database, and regularly update the list of organic operations they certify
- Certifiers can track the history of an operation to support certification and compliance activities
- Industry and the public can conduct searches and access standard reports more easily and with greater precision than with the old posted list
- Certifiers are increasingly using our more structured listing of commodities and services, a significant improvement over the previous listing

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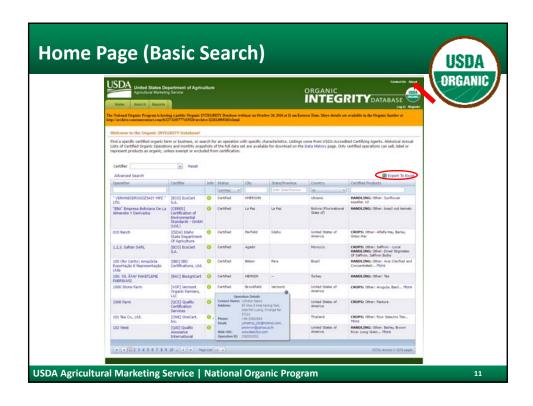
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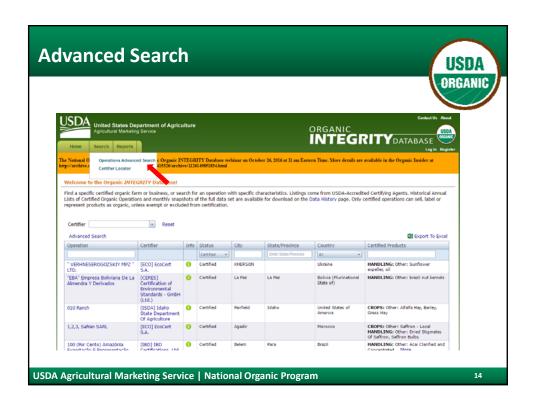
- Industry and the public can perform increasingly sophisticated advanced searches by operation status effective date, exact product name, and other criteria
- Certifiers and third party app developers can access data through automated data feeds (web services)
- Industry and the public can find a Certifier based on office and certified operation locations
- Certifiers can avoid recertifying suspended operations that have not been reinstated by NOP
- Certifiers can produce and operations can verify federated organic certificates through INTEGRITY

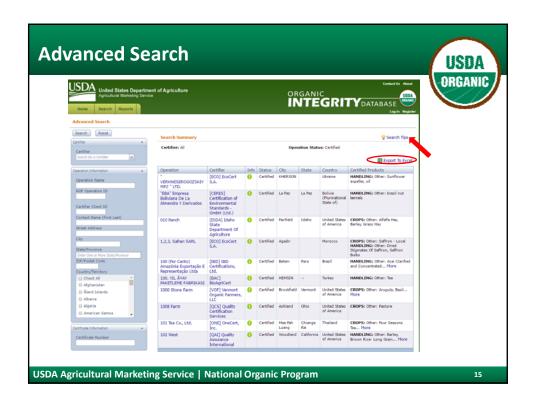
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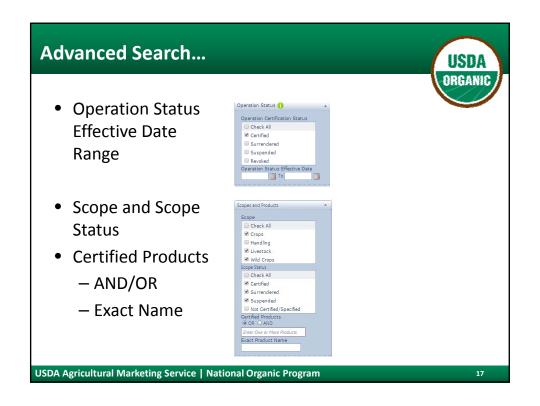




















# Reports... Search Results Export Tips



- Narrow your search results as much as possible before exporting.
- Combine physical and mailing addresses when performing location analysis. INTEGRITY reports use physical address when both are provided.
- When product lists are very long, you may need to customize the Find (Ctrl-F) function in Excel by clicking the *Options* button in the Find and Replace Window and selecting *Look in: Values*
- Web services for public data sharing are now available!

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#### Reports...

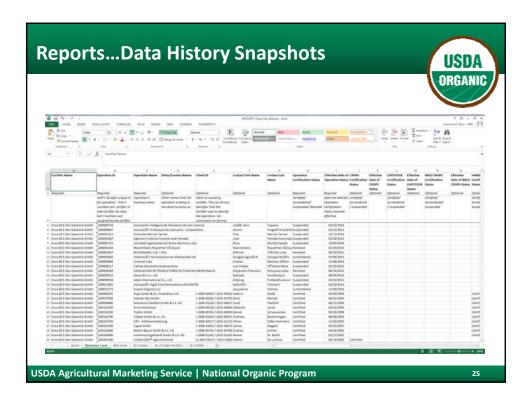
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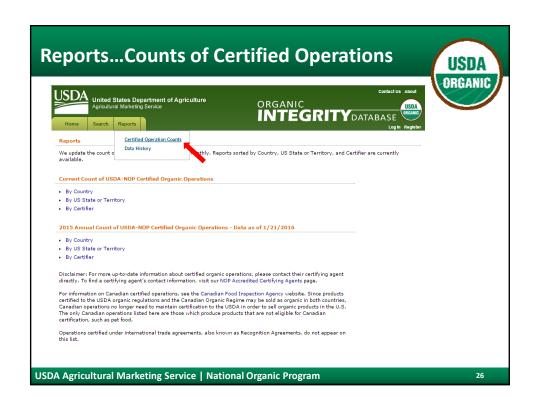


- Organizations can automatically get a download of all publically available (Certified, Surrendered, Suspended and Revoked) organic operations in the system
  - REST API, data is in XML format
- Developer's page: <a href="http://apps.ams.usda.gov/integrity/Developer/">http://apps.ams.usda.gov/integrity/Developer/</a> /APIHelp.aspx

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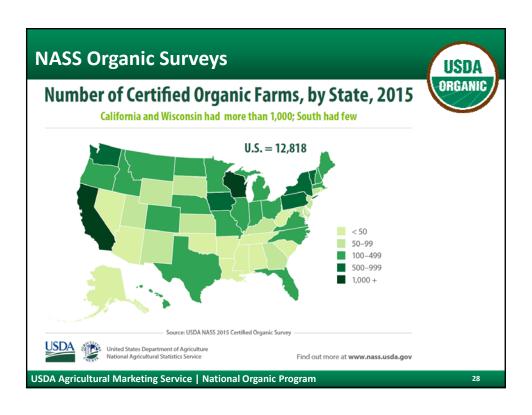


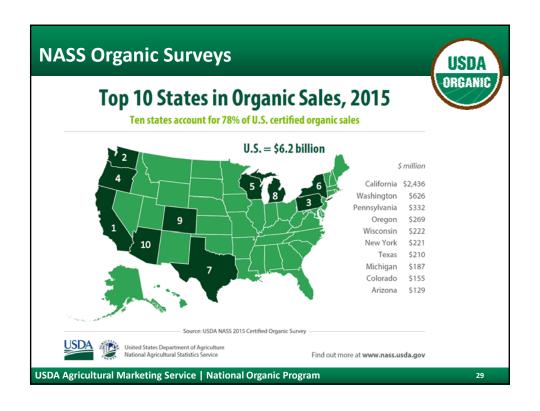
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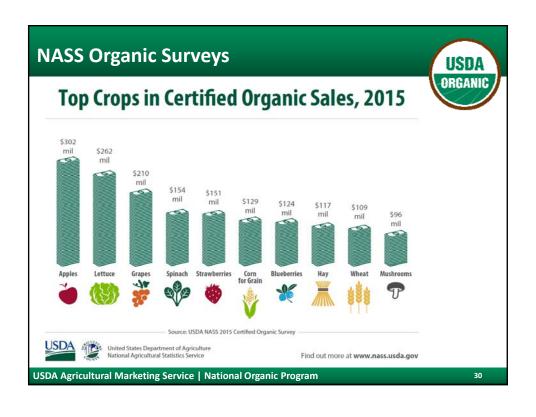


- NASS Organic Producer Survey
  - 2015 Certified Organic Survey
    - 12,818 certified organic farms, selling \$6.2 billion in organic commodities.
    - Full Results: www.nass.usda.gov/organics
  - 2016 Certified Organic Survey

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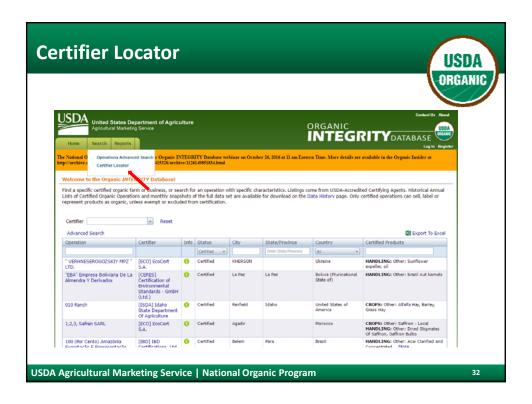
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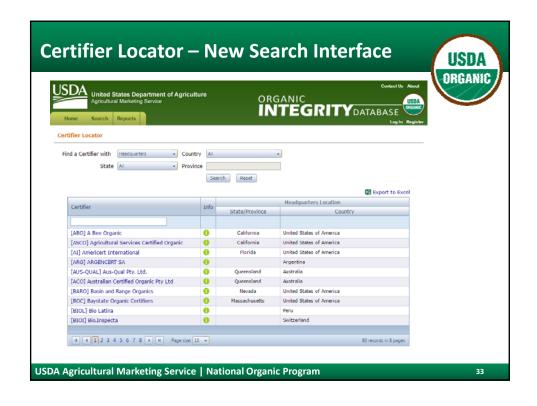
- NASS Organic Certifier Survey (2014 & 2015)
  - NASS release scheduled for December 2016
  - Transition reporting from NASS to NOP
    - Future reporting directly through INTEGRITY
    - Communication between USDA and the Certifiers is paramount in making this transition successful
    - Differences in NASS data and NOP data

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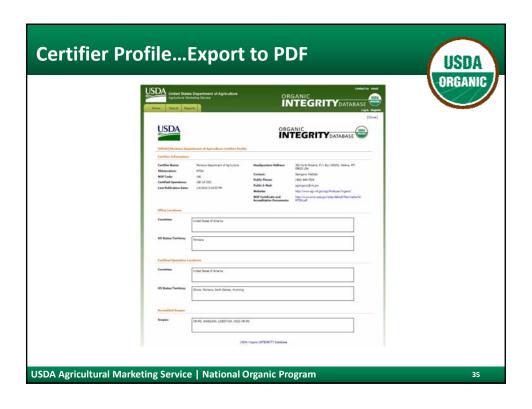
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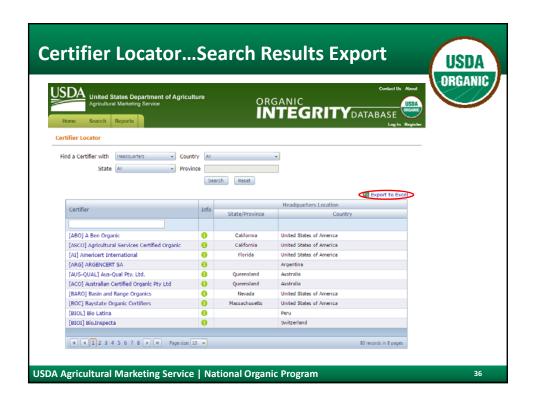
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# **New Certificate Module**

- Goal: Deploy an operator-level certificate that complies with regulations and NOP's Certificate Instruction
- Benefits:
  - More harmonization across the industry
  - More frequent data updates to INTEGRITY
  - Increased market security
  - Increased use of standardized look-up potential offered by the new and permanent NOP ID (10 digits)
- Some certifiers have expressed hesitation about using the system for certificates, preferring to generate directly from their systems. We will continue to engage stakeholders as we move forward!

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# **Using the Data**

- Trends analysis for outreach where is the number of certified organic operations declining or increasing, in a particular sector?
- Help connect buyers and sellers to support growth and emergence of new supply chains
- Identification of producers to provide pricing information for new Market News organic reports
- Questions about the data? If you have questions about an operation's profile in the *INTEGRITY* database, contact the Certifier. They have the most up to date and detailed information.

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## **Coming Soon**



- Print to PDF for Operation Profile
- Item certification status and effective date will be added to operation profile – product details tab and item level tab of monthly data snapshot in data submission template format
- Report automation
- Top organic commodity reports

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#### **Questions?**



Please enter your questions into the chat box! Next Steps:

- We continue to work closely with certifiers to encourage regular data submittals and accurate data
- This webinar can be streamed from http://cc.readytalk.com/play?id=stdzj
- Contact the Team Anytime!
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