Organic Integrity Dashboard – 10/1/2020
A quarterly review of National Organic Program (NOP) enforcement activities

412 Cases in Progress
As of 9/30/2020

- Prohibited Substance: 62%
- Prohibited Practice: 8%
- Pesticide Residue: 9%
- Labelling Error: 5%
- Uncertified Operations Making Organic Claims: 13%
- Fraud: 1%
- Other*: 1%

448 Closed Cases by Outcome
12 Months ending 9/30/2020

- Voluntary Compliance: 47%
- Administrative Actions: 13%
- Settlement, Civil Penalty, Appeal: 3%
- Referred for Criminal Investigation: 9%
- Referred for Investigation: 1%
- No Violation: 24%
- Fraudulent Certificates Posted: 3%

NOTES: Open cases are based on allegations, complaints and surveillance, and are not in themselves proof of wrongdoing. Administrative Actions are warnings/notices to businesses, often uncertified, and are critical in establishing that violators are aware of the rules, to support future enforcement action, if needed.

* This category includes miscellaneous items, such as operations that were found to be selling as organic while suspended from certification.

Investigations & Inquiries by Fiscal Year

- Completed Investigations
- Resolved Inquiries
- New Investigations
- Total Incoming
- Percentage completed

Percentage Completed includes cases from prior years

One Government at the Border: Strengthening Enforcement Partnerships

In July 2020, Andrew Regalado, a senior National Organic Program analyst, began working as part of the interagency Commercial Targeting and Analysis Center (CTAC) based at U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). CTAC is an operational extension of One-U.S. Government at the Border that works to prevent, deter, and investigate violations of U.S. import and export laws by facilitating information and resource sharing among participating government agencies. Andrew represents NOP and other Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) programs as part of a collaborative government-wide team. This collaboration gives NOP a direct line to CBP stakeholders and data, and unique insights into how other Federal enforcement agencies work.

Andrew’s strong analytical skills and hands-on experience come from more than 17 years’ work with AMS marketing enforcement programs.

For additional details on the National Organic Program visit www.ams.usda.gov/Organic.