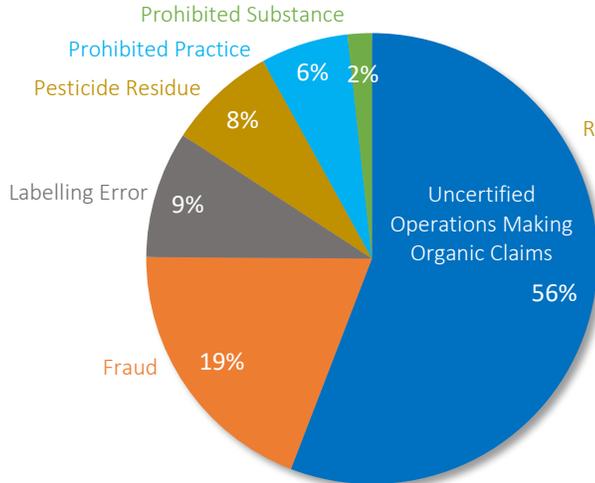




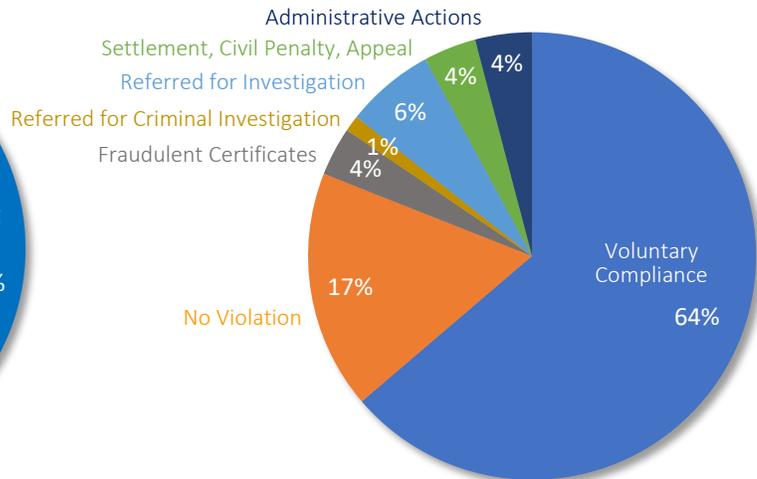
Organic Enforcement Quarterly Update

National Organic Program (NOP) Activities | Fiscal Year 2021, Fourth Quarter

462 Cases in Progress
As of 9/30/2021

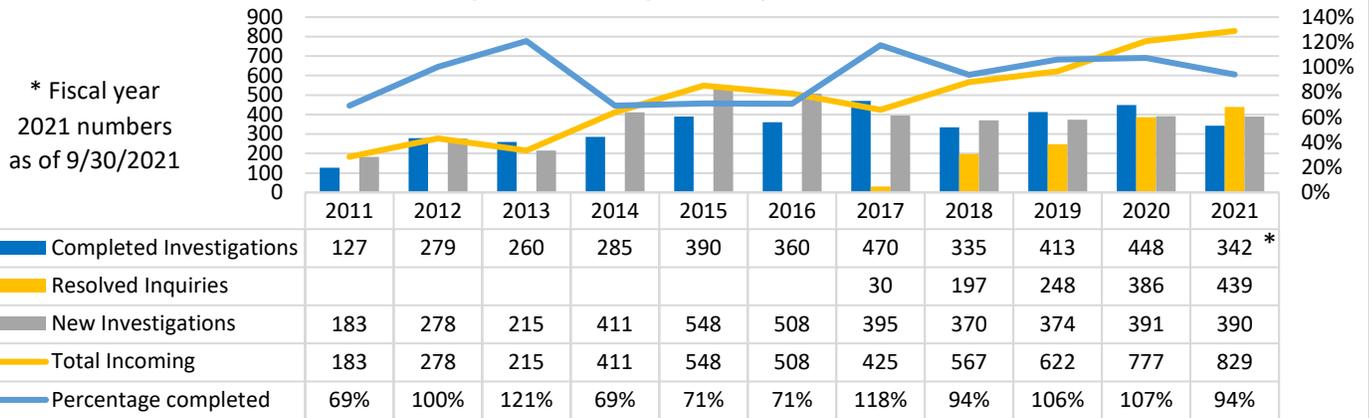


342 Closed Cases by Outcome
12 Months ending 9/30/2021



Cases in Progress 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.

Investigations & Inquiries by Fiscal Year



Cooperation Breeds Success at U.S. Ports

One of the biggest factors when identifying risk in organic imports is timely access to good data. Through its partnership with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), NOP now has a seat in CBP's Commercial Targeting and Analysis Center (CTAC), which makes it possible to monitor data behind millions of pounds of imports entering the United States. The multi-agency CTAC teams have developed risk-based approaches to combat fraud at U.S. ports of entry, leveraging NOP staff to test suspect grain shipments, and recently flagging a shipment of olive oil from Turkey for inspection. An investigation by the CTAC team determined the product to be non-compliant with USDA requirements for organic imports. The shipment, worth about \$40,000, was stopped before it entered the U.S. organic market.



The NOP and CBP CTAC team were recognized for their joining forces to prevent organic fraud at U.S. ports of entry.

Raising the profile of enforcement cooperation and the visible presence CTAC participation provides at ports of entry serves as an increasing deterrent to others who might be contemplating violations of U.S. import laws. NOP looks forward to the future of this and other partnerships with law enforcement agencies that help ensure a fair and competitive market for organic goods.

Learn more about the USDA National Organic Program at www.ams.usda.gov/Organic.