### Welcome to Seattle!

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75 Certified Organic Farms & Businesses in Seattle
1,417 in Washington State
NOP 2018 Count of Certified Operations

- **Total:** 43,004
  - 4.4% Increase from 2017
- **United States:** 27,494
  - >1,000 Increase
- **International:** 15,510
  - 713 Increase
We Regulate Based on the Rules and Facts

- Organic Food Production Act
- USDA Organic Regulations
- Facts and Evidence
NOP Priorities

1. Strong Organic Control Systems
2. Farm to Market Traceability
3. Robust Enforcement
4. Support the Standards; Collaborate with Community

- Trusted People, Processes, and Rules
- Worldwide Supply Chain Integrity
- A Level Playing Field for All
- Engagement and Transparency
Update Topics

• Program Updates
• Farm Bill
• Call for Board Nominations
• Organic Imports - Risk-Based Oversight
• Dairy Compliance Project
• Strengthening Organic Enforcement - Proposed Rule
• Organic Integrity Learning Center – Launch!
• INTEGRITY Data Quality Awards!
Program Updates: Origin of Livestock
Program Updates: National List

• **Final Rule - Published Dec 27, 2018**
  35 changes, MOST changes effective Jan 28, 2019

• **Final Rule – In Clearance**
  Fall 2017 NOSB recommendations
  Sulfur, potassium acid tartrate

• **Proposed Rule – Comments Closed April 16**
  Spring 2018 NOSB recommendations
  Sulfur, polyoxin D zinc salt, magnesium chloride
In Development

• **2019 Sunset Material Renewals, Federal Register Notice**
  Expected publication Summer 2019

• **2019 Sunset Material Removals**
  Recommendations under review

• **Proposed Rule**
  Fall 2018 NOSB recommendations
  Natamycin, tamarind seed gum
  Expected publication Fall 2019
Program Updates: COMPLIANCE Database

New Database Launched in March

- Powerful Analytical Tools
- Better Customer Communication
- More Tracking for Investigative Reports, Corrective Actions from Violators
Program Updates: Staffing

• New NOP Leadership and Staff
  – Associate Deputy Administrator
  – Trade Systems Director
  – Accreditation Manager
  – Quality Manager

• Upcoming Announcements: USAJobs.gov
  – Livestock Compliance Specialists (Washington DC)
  – Remote Accreditation Auditors (Anywhere)
Happy Administrative Professional’s Day!

Joan Avila
National Organic Program

Jeanne Gonzales
Georgia Crop Improvement Association
Call for Board Nominations

Nominations due May 20, 2019

Announced in Federal Register/Insider, March 19

• Five vacancies
  – 1: Expertise in environmental protection & resource conservation
  – 1: Owns/operates or employee of an organic farming operation
  – 2: Owns/operate or employee of an organic handling operation
  – 1: Owns/operates or employee of a retail establishment with significant trade in organic products

• Flyer Out Front! AND, see NOSB website – Nomination Process
Organic Imports Oversight: Risk-Based Oversight

- Farm-Level Yield Analysis
- Fumigation Investigations (With APHIS at Ports)
- Supply Chain Research
- Ship-Specific Surveillance
- Certifier Investigations
- Country-Commodity Studies

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• As a result of new directives on unannounced inspections & residue/GMO testing
  – 180 Operations (60%) in the Black Sea Region have lost certification
  – Continued scrutiny of the remaining certified operations

• Impact: Reduced Organic Grain and Oilseed Imports from Black Sea/Turkey
  – In 2016, represented 49% (dollar value of these imports)
  – In 2018, represented 21%

• Fumigation: Increased Importer Awareness & Partnership with APHIS
  – Not sold as organic (relabeled)

• Noncompliances, Proposed Suspensions for Certifiers, Farms
Dairy Compliance Project: Year 1 Report-Out

**Process**

**Players:**
- AMS Auditors
- NOP Compliance Specialists
- Office of Inspector General
- USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Services
- Certifiers

- **Unannounced Visits**
  - Nationwide
  - Single and multi-day

- **2019 visits start this week!**

**Policy Outcomes**

**Training Needs:**
- Defining the regional grazing season
- Reviewing justifications for breaks in the grazing season
- Crop rotations and natural resource management
- Access to shade, water source

**Compliance Outcomes**

**All Operations:**
- Demonstrated at least 120 days of grazing
- All cows got 30% DMI from pasture in season
- Some operations had other correctable issues
- Where supported by the evidence, investigations are ongoing (ops/certifier)
- Civil penalty levied against a livestock operation
Strengthening Organic Enforcement

- Applicability & Exemptions from Certification (Excluded Handlers)
- Imports to U.S. (Import Certificates)
- Labeling of Nonretail Containers
- On-Site Inspections (Unannounced)
- Certificates of Organic Operations
- Continuation of Certification (Certificate Expirations)
- Paperwork Submissions to the Administrator
- Personnel Training and Qualifications
- Oversight of Certification Activities (Certifier Office Oversight)

- Accepting Foreign Conformity Assessment Systems (International Oversight)
- Compliance—General
- Noncompliance Procedure for Certified Operations
- Mediation
- Adverse Actions – General, Appeals
- Producer Group Operations
- Calculating the Percentage of Organically Produced Ingredients
- Supply Chain Traceability and Organic Fraud Prevention

Proposed Rule and Public Comments: Fall 2019
Organic Integrity Learning Center

Free online training that supports the professional development & continuing education of professionals working to protect organic integrity
Training Center is Live!
NOP Assigns Accounts Audience: Organic certifiers, inspectors & reviewers, compliance and enforcement professionals

Certifiers
Primary and Secondary Contacts Enrolled by NOP
Certifiers responsible for outreach to staff

Public Sign-Up Process
Individual or Group Requests to USDA-NOP@apvit.com;
- User Name, First Name, Last Name, Organization, Email
Organic Integrity Learning Center – Next Steps

Course List

Courses where you are: Learner

NOP-010: Introduction to the USDA Organic System
Instructor: Brian McNulty; Tricia Ryan; Jennifer Tucker;

NOP-020: Sound and Sensible Organic Certification
Instructor: Brian McNulty; Tricia Ryan; Jennifer Tucker;

NOP-030: Fundamentals of Inspection
Instructor: Brian McNulty; Tricia Ryan; Jennifer Tucker;

NOP-040: Compliance and Enforcement: Adverse Actions, Appeals, and Reinstatements
Instructor: Brian McNulty; Tricia Ryan; Jennifer Tucker;

NOP-060: Import Oversight Essentials
Instructor: Brian McNulty; Tricia Ryan; Jennifer Tucker;

• Develop More Courses
  – Dairy Compliance
  – Traceability Techniques
  – Advanced Inspections
  – Materials Reviews
  – Certification Administration
  – Sampling and Testing

• Deepen Assessments
Investing in Data Integrity

- Protecting organic integrity requires accurate and timely data
- Data management is often invisible labor
- **Organic Integrity Database Data Quality Dashboard**
  - Makes data labor visible
  - Shows certifiers strengths and weaknesses in their data
- **Investing in INTEGRITY Awards**
  - Based on data quality and quantity at the start of 2019
  - Examples: Regular data updates, use of product taxonomy, including acreage and livestock counts, complete information
“Investing in INTEGRITY” Winners!

- California Certified Organic Farmers
- Colorado Department of Agriculture
- County of Marin Organic Certified Agriculture
- Georgia Crop Improvement Association
- Global Organic Alliance
- New Mexico Department of Agriculture
- One-Cert, Incorporated
- Primus Labs
Questions?

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