


GRAINS COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT | 2024

The Organic Trade Association (OTA)’s **Grains Council** is made up of member companies with a role in the organic grain, pulse and oilseed space covering the entire supply chain from growers to processors to manufacturers. Council members are committed to ensuring the resilience and profitability of organic grain, pulse, and oilseed production in the United States. The Council was first established in 2015 in response to concerns about organic grain shortages, both for food and animal feed, which had forced companies to import large amounts of organic grain and limited new product development. Within the Council, members work together to identify and overcome barriers to domestic organic grain acreage growth by understanding key challenges and providing recommendations for pre-competitive supply chain solutions.


Council Highlights | 2024

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- Kept members informed of regulatory changes and supported them in addressing related challenges.
 - Discussed impacts of **Strengthening Organic Enforcement (SOE)** and the **NOP’s West Africa Directive**.
 - Engaged with subject matter experts and provided feedback on upcoming legislative actions, including the **Farm Bill** and the **Organic Imports Verification Act**.
 - Received regular expert insights on market trends and dynamics.

Council Priorities | 2025-2026

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- Keep members informed of the evolving regulatory landscape.
 - Strengthen networking opportunities and relationships among Council members to drive higher engagement.
 - Collaborate with other councils—particularly the Sustainability Council—to explore common priorities and partnership opportunities.
 - Improve connectivity within the Council and across OTA to boost member engagement and support new member recruitment.

Why participate?

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- Build community, connections, and peer networks across the supply chain.
 - Stay informed on key industry, policy, and regulatory developments.
 - Access thought leaders, subject matter experts, and policymakers.
 - Gain real-time insights, data, and resources.
 - Strengthen skills, expand knowledge, and amplify your voice in the organic industry.

COUNCIL MEMBERS



The Grain, Pulse and Oilseed Council is led by Edward Fish (Bay State Milling Company) as Chair, Matt Nidlinger (Consolidated Grain & Barge, Co.) as Vice Chair. If you are interested in joining the Council, please contact Danielle Cote (DCote@ota.com).