

DOMESTIC ORGANIC INVESTMENT ACT (DOIA)



Building Infrastructure to Keep Organic Rooted in U.S. Farms and Businesses

OVERVIEW

In 2024, U.S. organic sales reached **\$71.6 billion**, a **5.2 percent increase** from the previous year. At the same time, organic food import values have risen sharply, from less than **\$1 billion in 2011** to more than **\$5.7 billion in 2024**. While the number of certified organic operations has steadily increased, U.S. organic farm production volumes have been inconsistent, contributing to ongoing volatility in organic food supply chains.

INVESTING IN DOMESTIC INFRASTRUCTURE TO SOLVE BOTTLENECKS

While America's appetite for organic is strong and growing, too often that demand is being met by imports. U.S. farmers and businesses can produce and bring to market more organic feedstuffs, ingredients, produce, and livestock products, but inadequate infrastructure remains a critical bottleneck. The Domestic Organic Investment Act is a strategic investment in America's organic future. It builds the storage, processing, transportation, and market capacity needed to keep organic production and businesses rooted domestically.

DOIA = GRANTS TO FARMERS AND PROCESSORS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

This act will create the Domestic Organic Investment Program, which will issue competitive USDA grants to:

- Expand storage, processing, aggregation, and distribution capacity for U.S. organic products.
- Modernize manufacturing, tracking, storage, and information technology systems.
- Strengthen businesses' ability to meet organic certification and quality standards.
- Open new markets for U.S.-grown products currently supplied by imports.
- Address bottlenecks and barriers across the organic supply chain.

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PROJECT TYPES



Equipment Grants: Up to \$100,000 with a 25 percent nonfederal cost share.



Capacity Expansion Grants: Up to \$2 million with a 50 percent nonfederal cost share.

The Domestic Organic Investment Act 1) directs USDA to set annual priorities that reduce dependence on imports and reflect input from organic farmers, businesses, and other stakeholders, and **2)** supports U.S.-based farmers and businesses. Eligible applicants include producers, producer cooperatives, and commercial entities, including tribal governments, that handle certified organic products.