

Fiscal Year 2020 Appropriations Request



NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM (NOP)

FY19 Actual: \$14M • FY20 President's Budget: \$12M • OTA FY20 Request: \$18M

The National Organic Program is the regulatory program housed within USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service that is responsible for developing federal standards for certified organic agricultural products. These standards assure consumers that products with the USDA Organic seal meet consistent, uniform standards. Recognizing continued growth of the industry, we ask for \$18 million, the full amount authorized in the 2018 Farm Bill. **Agency Account: AMS**



ORGANIC TRANSITION RESEARCH PROGRAM (ORG)

FY19 Actual: \$6M • FY20 President's Budget: \$0 • OTA FY20 Request: \$8M

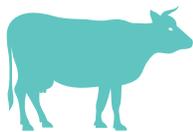
The overall goal of the Organic Transition Research Program (ORG) is to support the development and implementation of research, extension and higher education programs to improve the competitiveness of organic livestock and crop producers, as well as those who are adopting organic practices and transitioning to organic certification. **Agency Account: NIFA**



ORGANIC DATA INITIATIVE

FY19 Actual: \$0 • FY20 President's Budget: \$0 • OTA FY20 Request: \$1M

The Organic Data Initiative (ODI) collects and disseminates data regarding organic agriculture through the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS). This program has been successful in providing valuable information to Congress, government agencies, and the organic industry at a low cost. **Agency Account: AMS, ERS, NASS**



ORIGIN OF ORGANIC LIVESTOCK

The current lack of uniform enforcement by USDA regarding the origin of livestock regulations has resulted in direct economic harm for organic dairy farmers. We request that USDA issue a final rule on the origin of organic livestock based on the 2015 proposed rule without further delay in order to prevent further disruption of the marketplace.

OTA FY20 Requested Bill Language: Not later than 180 days after enactment of this section, the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue a final rule based on the proposed rule entitled "National Organic Program; Origin of Livestock," published in the Federal Register on April 28, 2015 (80 Fed. Reg. 23455). The final rule shall incorporate public comments submitted in response to the proposed rule.