

2018 Farm Bill Summary of Organic Programs and Priorities

PROGRAM	2014 FARM BILL	OTA REQUEST	HOUSE DRAFT BILL
National Organic Program	\$15 million per year (authorization for appropriations)	FY19-\$16.5 million FY20-\$18 million FY21-\$20 million FY22-\$22 million FY23-\$24 million	FY19-\$16.5 million FY20-\$18 million FY21-\$20 million FY22-\$22 million FY23-\$24 million
Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative	\$20 million per year (mandatory funding)	Increased funding to achieve baseline of \$50 million per year by 2023	\$30 million per year, first increase in a decade, only program in the entire research title to receive an increase in funding.
Organic Production and Market Data Initiatives	\$5 million (mandatory funding)	\$5 million	\$5 million
NOP technology upgrade	\$5 million (one-time mandatory funding) for technology upgrades. Used to create the NOP Organic Integrity Database	\$5 million for technology systems upgrades to modernize and improve international trade tracking systems and data collection. Eliminate paper documents and move to electronic import certificates to ensure full traceability without hindering trade.	\$5 million for technology upgrades to improve tracking and verification of organic imports.
National Organic Certification Cost Share Program	\$11.5 million per year (mandatory funding)	Maintain funding	No funding, program is still authorized
National Organic Program Enforcement	Increased enforcement tools with due process protections.	Increased enforcement across the entire global supply chain to address import fraud. (H.R. 3871)	Includes H.R. 3871, The Organic Farmer and Consumer Protection Act. Limits the types of operations excluded from certification. Requires electronic import documentation. Establishes mechanisms for collaborative investigations and enforcement.

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			<p>Requires increased documentation under specific areas of concern.</p> <p>Increases accreditation authority for NOP over certifying agents and their global operations to require full accreditation audits of satellite offices.</p> <p>Ensures coordination and access to available data cross border documentation systems administered across other agencies.</p> <p>Requires USDA to complete an annual compliance report to Congress on domestic and overseas investigations and actions taken.</p>
Conservation	Language to improve organic access to conservation programs.	<p>Maintain Environmental Quality Incentives Program Organic Initiative (EQIP OI).</p> <p>Expand access for transitioning organic farmers in conservation programs.</p>	<p>Maintains EQIP OI.</p> <p>Expands access for transitioning organic farmers in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).</p> <p>Maintains the Transitions Incentive Program (TIP).</p>
Organic Crop Insurance	Requires USDA to complete organic price series within 36 months.	<p>Direct RMA to continue additional organic price elections.</p> <p>Review policies that cap Contract Price Addendums at two-times the conventional price election.</p> <p>Continue Whole-Farm Revenue Protection and recognize the change in farm revenue after a farm has</p>	<p>Continues Whole-Farm Revenue Protection.</p> <p>Includes discount for beginning farmers that participate in Whole Farm Revenue Protection.</p>

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		<p>transitioned to organic. Eliminate the 30% cap on increased production value under the expansion provision.</p> <p>Direct FSA to develop organic price elections for storage loans.</p> <p>Direct RMA to consider organic farming practices when developing the “good farming practices guide.”</p>	
<p>National Organic Standards Board (NOSB)</p>	<p>No Changes</p>	<p>No Changes</p>	<p>Clarifies that an employee of a farmer can serve on the farmer seat.</p> <p>Increased consultation between NOSB, EPA and FDA on materials review.</p> <p>Expedited review procedures for petitioned materials for postharvest handling substances related to food safety.</p> <p>*(the original language included in the House draft bill would’ve created a process for emergency review of crop protection and food safety materials not bound by NOSB authority on the national list. Rep. Davis offered an amendment that passed in committee markup that preserves NOSB’s role in all petitions.</p>

