

# POLICY UPDATE

## 2023-2024

Below are some current regulatory and legislative issues that we are working on to strengthen the organic sector.



### 2023 Farm Bill

Our 2023 Farm Bill policy priorities will ensure the continued growth of the global organic marketplace and bring further economic benefits to U.S. producers and their locally connected supply chains.

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### Continuous Improvement and Accountability in Organic Standards Act (CIAO)

The “Continuous Improvement and Accountability in Organic Standards Act (CIAO) 2023” H.R. 5973 was introduced on October 17, 2023. The organic industry is ready to move forward with clear standards to meet consumer expectations. CIAO will show us the path.

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### Organic Market Development (OMD) Act

Organic Market Development (OMD) Act, S.2936/H.R. 5763, was introduced on September 27, 2023 and continues federal investment in organic infrastructure by codifying an existing USDA program.

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### Strengthening Organic Enforcement (SOE)

The USDA National Organic Program published the Strengthening Organic Enforcement (SOE) Final Rule in early 2023. It supports the continued growth of the organic market and improves oversight at critical links in the supply chain.

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### Organic Livestock and Poultry Standards (OLPS)

On October 25, 2023, the USDA announced its final Organic Livestock and Poultry Standards (OLPS) regulation. The regulation creates clear standards for outdoor access for organic poultry including minimum indoor and outdoor space requirements.

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