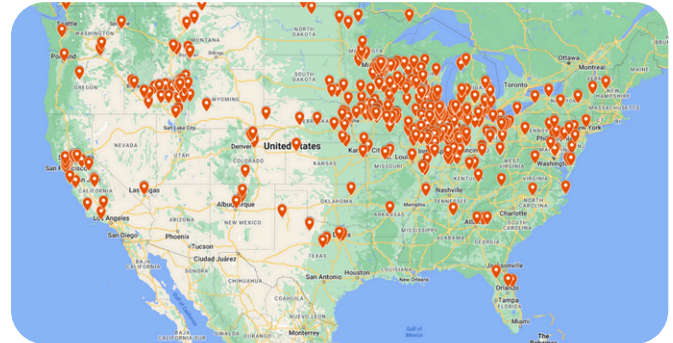


OATS Technical Assistance Training

Help American farmers meet the growing demand for organic through assistance and training.

Groundbreaking technical assistance addresses the lack of experts available to help organic farmers and those who want to transition. Imagine innovative, virtual, train-the-trainer programming for agricultural professionals working with organic or transitioning producers across geographic regions and crop types.

Since its launch in 2019, the [Organic Agronomy Training Service \(OATS\)](#) program has:



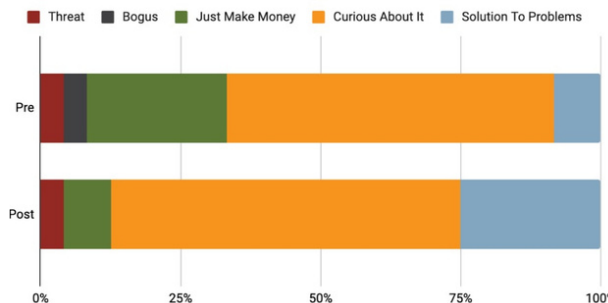
Locations of past OATS Technical Assistance Training participants



- Trained 1,030 agricultural professionals who each advise an average of 47 clients and 4,045 acres through in-person and virtual opportunities who have directly impacted management decisions on farms across the U.S.
- Launched the [Organic Field Crop Course](#) - a comprehensive facilitated online course that prepares agricultural professionals to advise field crop farmers - with 85 professionals trained. ([Watch a sample lesson!](#))
- Developed [NOP-260 Organic Field Crop Practices](#) - a course housed on the Organic Integrity Learning Center that prepares organic inspectors to be effective auditors of field crop operations with 433 professionals trained.
- Launched an organic advisor [call series](#) for creating a peer learning network where agricultural professionals can interact with each other - attended by over 360 professionals.
- Demonstrated that its training approach can effectively bring skeptical professionals into the organic tent.











Opinion of Organics:



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Your contribution will:

-  Support the training of Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) staff in organic practices so that they can better serve organic farmers in their counties.
-  Develop training materials for small to medium size handlers and processors on organics.
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-  Publish written and video-based informational resources on organic production and certification topics.
-  Bring training opportunities to regions of the country where there are few organic resources.
-  Expand the OATS Resource Library with articles and fact sheets on important topics for organic food production.
-  Maintain a certificate-bearing training track to enhance credibility of organic agriculture professionals.
-  Expand training topics to other crop and livestock scopes and production issues.

Note: OATS donors over \$10,000 will be recognized through logo recognition in media, web, signage and presentations. Additionally, they will be granted **four** complimentary enrollments in the Organic Field Crop Course.

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