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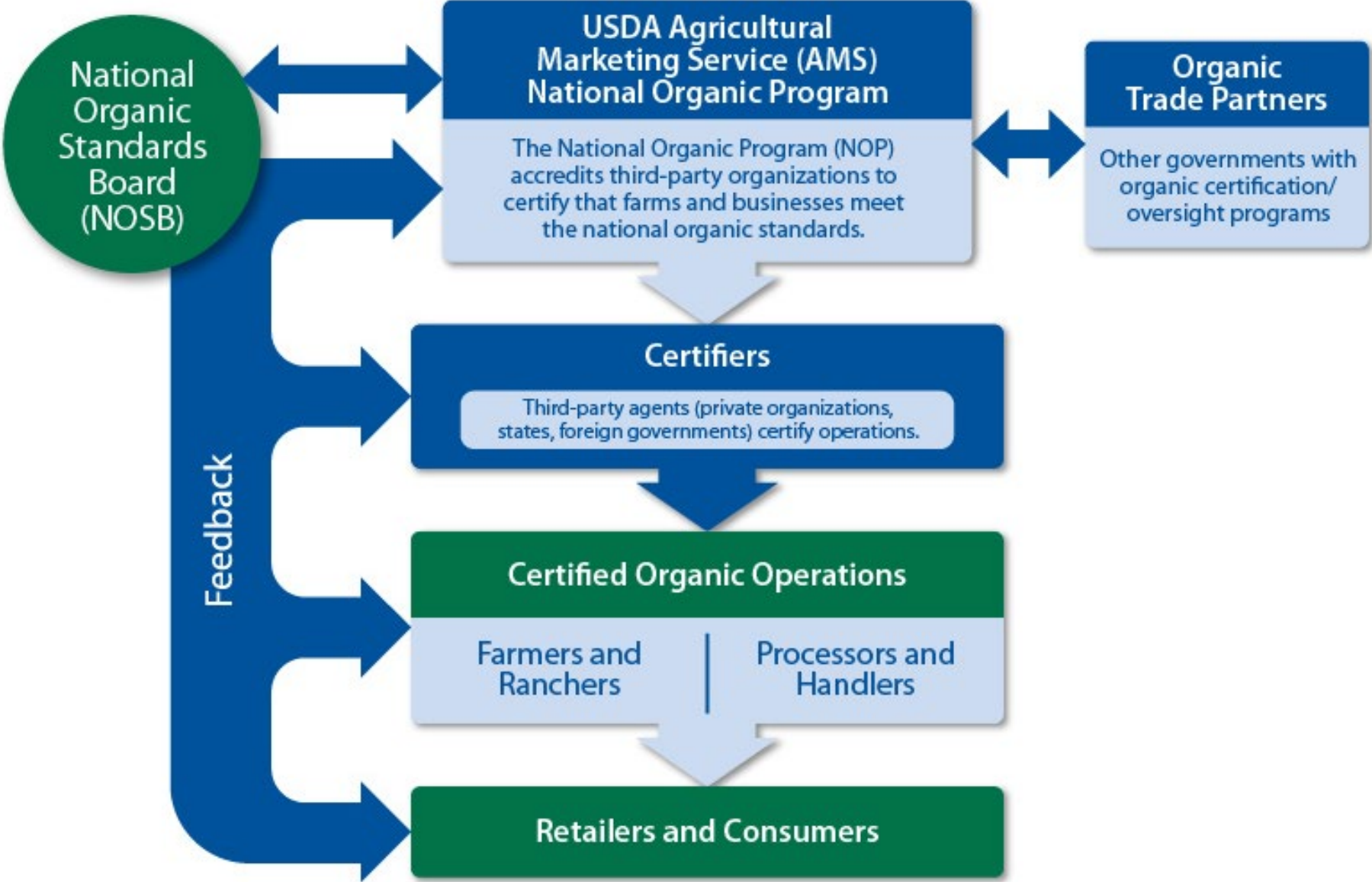
USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) National Organic Program (NOP)

Growing Organic through Transition, Standards Development, Oversight, and Enforcement

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The Public-Private Partnership of Organic Certification and Oversight

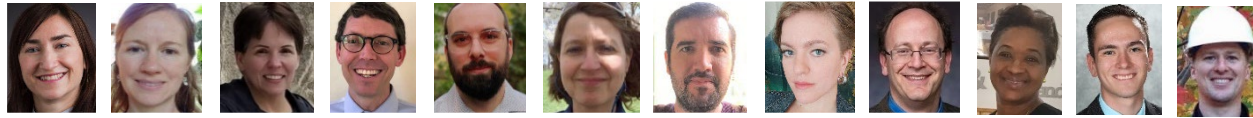


Hello from the NOP Team!

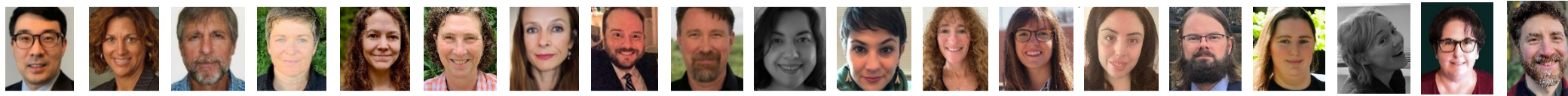
Compliance & Enforcement Team



Standards Team



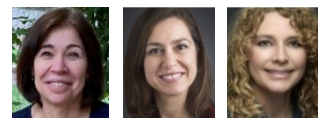
Accreditation Team



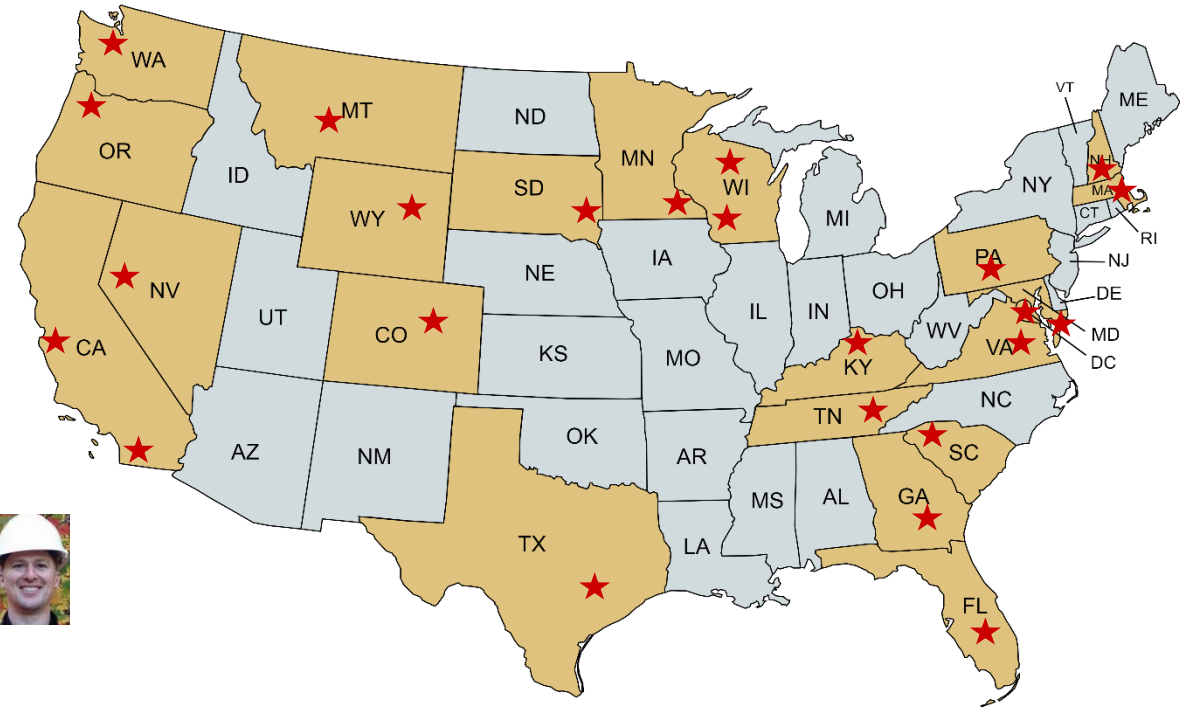
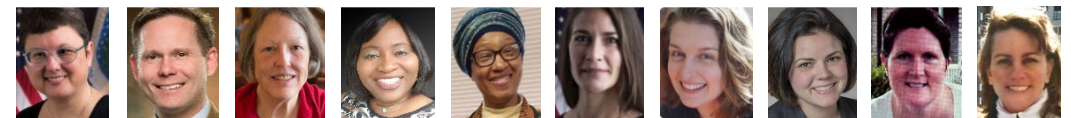
Trade Systems Team



International Team



Office of the Deputy Administrator Team





National Organic Program Goals

- 1** **Strong Organic Control Systems**
Trusted People, Processes, and Rules
- 2** **Robust Enforcement**
Consistent and Fair Market for All
- 3** **Develop Standards**
Open, Transparent, Collaborative Processes
- 4** **Engage Partners and Stakeholders**
Advance Initiatives & Clarify Requirements

Global Organic Control Systems and Oversight



Standards

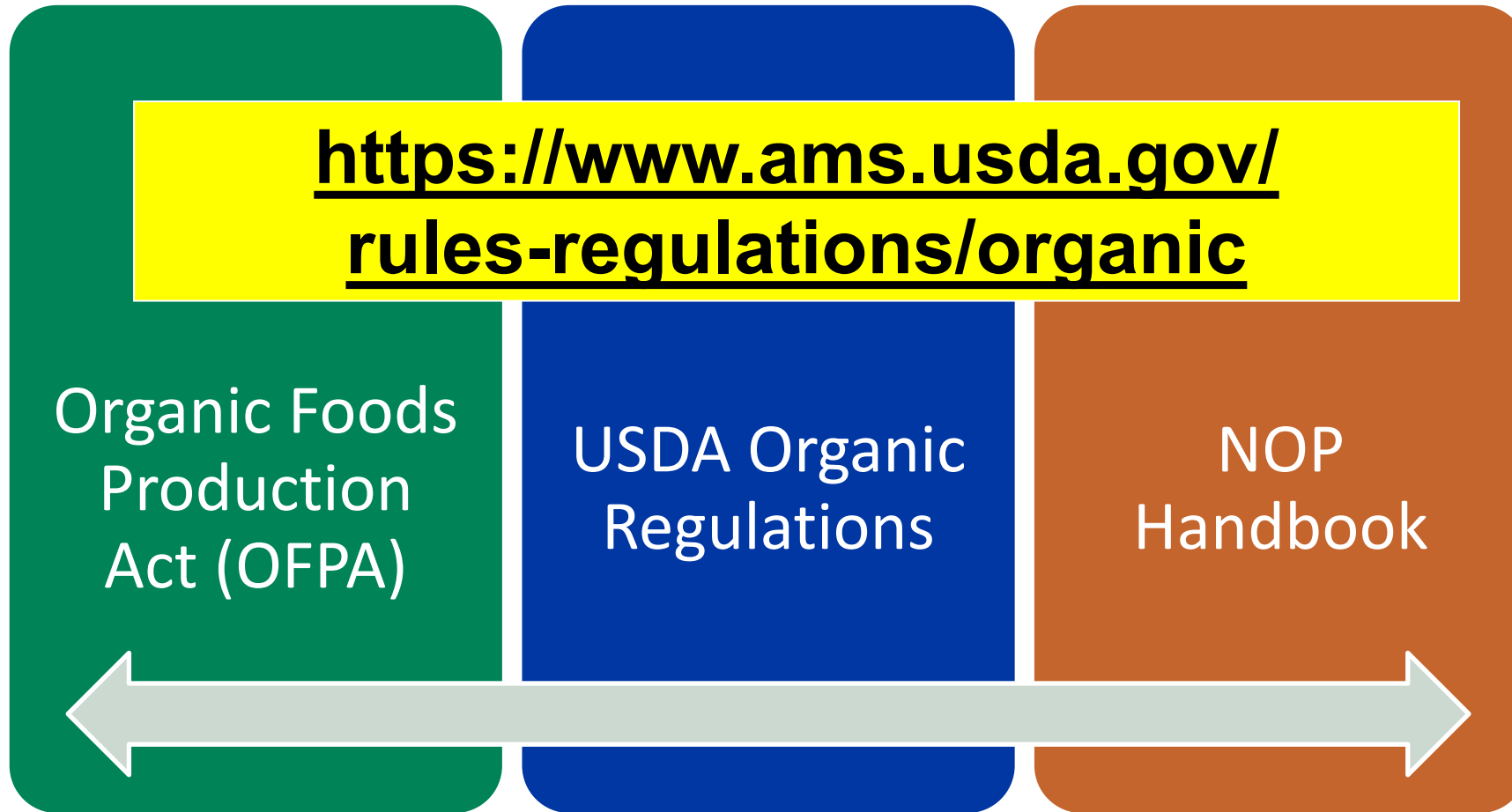
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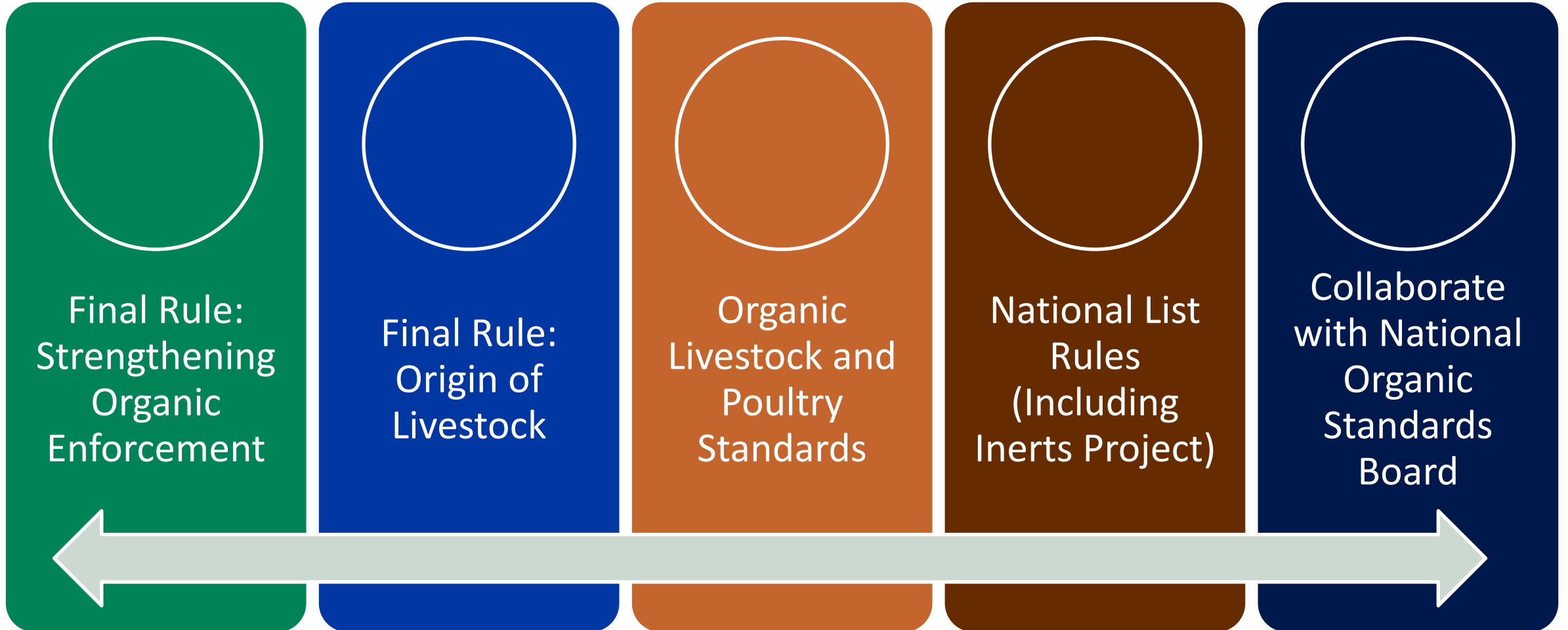
Enforcement

Supported by
Education and
Outreach for Existing
and Candidate
Organic Farms and
Businesses

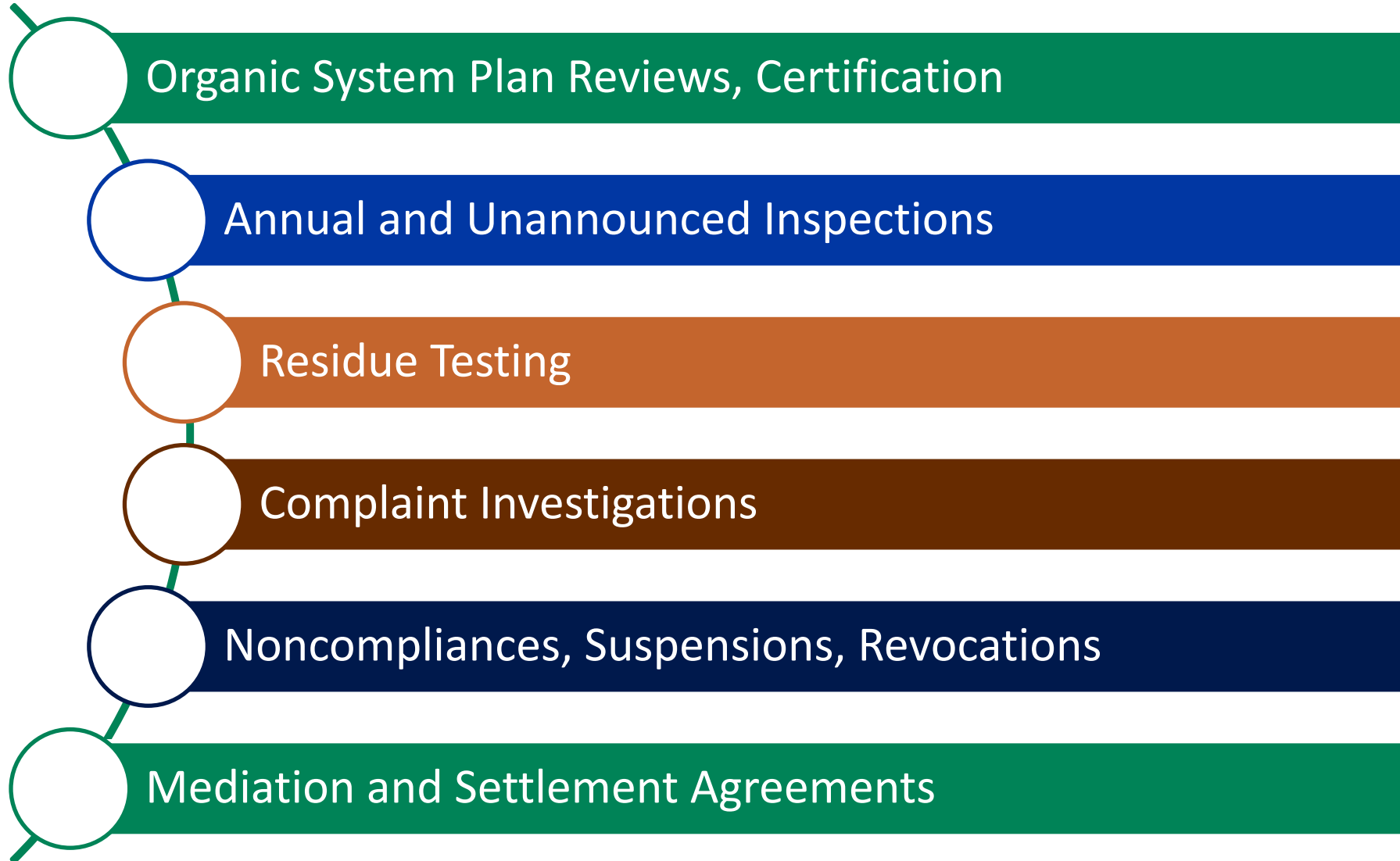
NOP Standards: A Public Resource



Priorities for Standards



Accredited Certifiers: A Critical Role



Oversight, Compliance and Enforcement

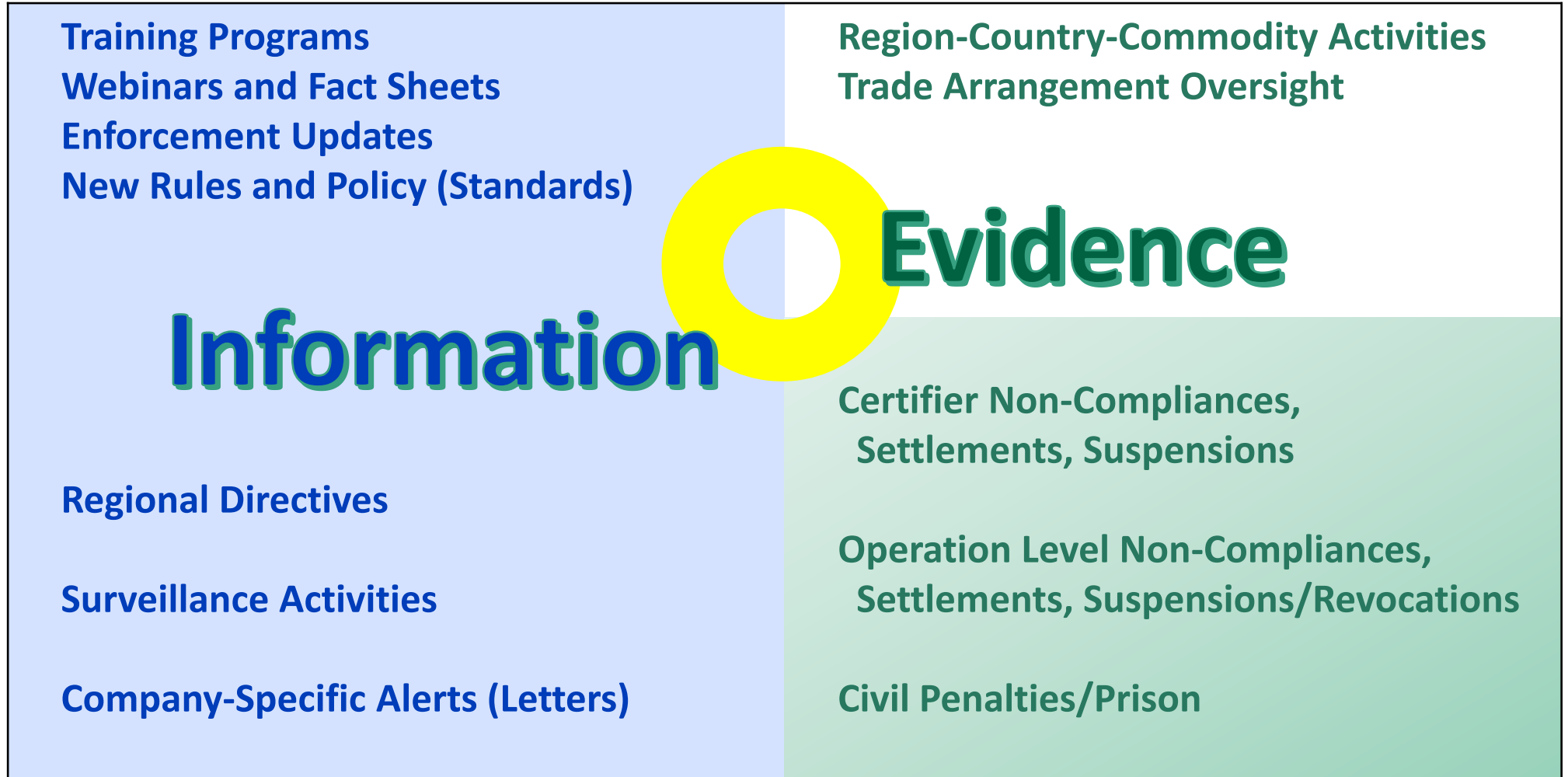


Scale

Broad-Based,
Industry-
Country Level

Certifier
Level

Operation
Level



Capability Development

Enforcement

Goal



Organic Integrity Learning Center

NUMBER OF ENROLLED USERS

6889

NUMBER OF COURSES

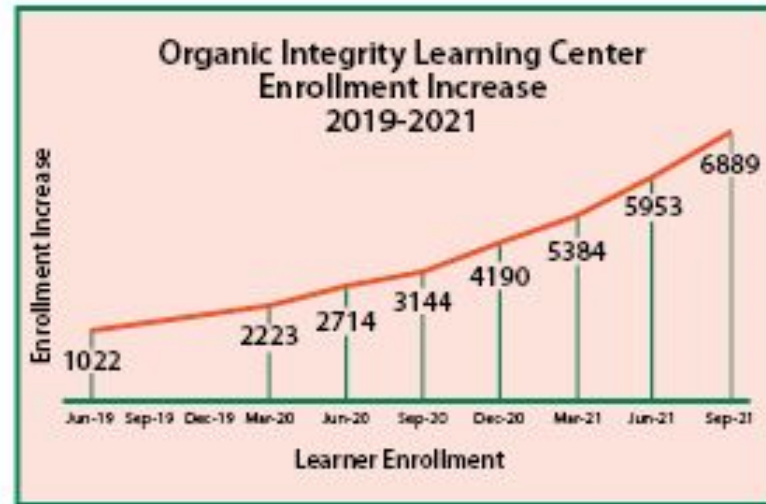
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NUMBER OF LESSONS

87

NUMBER OF MICROLEARNING OFFERINGS

10



COURSE LIST

- [NOP-010](#): Introduction to USDA Organic System
- [NOP-020](#): Sound and Sensible Organic Certification
- [NOP-030](#): Fundamentals of Inspection
- [NOP-040](#): Compliance and Enforcement
- [NOP-050](#): Certification Administration Essentials
- [NOP-060](#): Import Oversight Essentials
- [NOP-070](#): Advanced Inspections: Investigations
- [NOP-080](#): Traceability Techniques
- [NOP-090](#): Organic Dairy Compliance
- [NOP-100](#): Organic Fraud and the Criminal Mind
- [NOP-110](#): Preventing the Organic Fraud Opportunity
- [NOP-120](#): Input Material Review
- [NOP-140](#): Recordkeeping
- [NOP-150](#): Organic System Plans
- [NOP-160](#): Organic Regulations and Retail Labeling
- [NOP-170](#): Certification Review Essentials
- [NOP-190](#): Sampling and Testing
- [NOP-220](#): Organic Integrity and Energy Infrastructure
- [NOP-240](#): Evaluating an Operation's Corrective Actions to Noncompliances
- [NOP-250](#): Natural Resources and Biodiversity
- [NOP-320](#): Conducting Yield Analysis
- [NOP-997](#): National Organic Program Microlearning
- [NOP-998](#): NOP Presentations
- [NOP-999](#): National Organic Program Training Archive

Human Capital Capacity Building Projects

- Nine projects to improve the long-term capacity of the organic industry.
- Goal: Support and expand the pool of qualified inspectors, reviewers, and other professionals who oversee organic production.
- The funded projects provide support across the human capital pipeline.

Together, we are building tools to strengthen today's organic inspectors, and to develop the next generation of diverse, well-qualified organic professionals.

How does USDA support organic farms & businesses?

USDA helps farmers with organic certification guidance, biodiversity and natural resource conservation, financial and production assistance and marketing. Whether you're already certified organic, considering transitioning, or working with organic producers, we have resources for you.

Visit: www.usda.gov/organic



Certification + Oversight

Transitioning to Organic: [NOP](#)
Get Certified: [NOP](#)
Organic Certification Cost Share Assistance: [FSA](#)
Find an Organic Operation/Ingredient: [NOP](#)
Learn About USDA Organic: [NOP](#)



Conservation Resources

Conservation for Soil Health, Pest and Weed Management, and Pollinators: [NRCS](#)
Conservation Management and Practice Assistance: [NRCS](#)
Conservation Reserve Program: [FSA](#)
Climate Resources: [USDA](#)



Data + Research

Statistical Surveys and Data: [NASS](#)
Commodity-Specific Production and Price Data: [AMS Market News](#)
Research to Advance Organic Farming: [USDA](#)
Trade and Export Data Analysis: [FAS](#)



Farming Resources

Farm Loans: [FSA](#)
Crop Insurance: [RMA](#)
Business Loans and Grants for Rural Communities: [RD](#)
High Tunnels: [NRCS](#)
Farmers.gov Online Community: [USDA](#)



Market Promotion

Local Food, Farmers Market, and Market Access Programs: [AMS](#)
Local and Regional Food Sector: [AMS](#)
Urban, Indoor, and Emerging Ag Grant Programs: [NIFA](#)