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The Transition to Organic Partnership Program (TOPP) was formed through cooperative agreements between the USDA and non-profit organizations to provide technical assistance and support for transitioning and existing organic farmers. A calendar of events held by partner organizations can be found at the following link: <https://www.organictransition.org/events/>

A selection of upcoming events is included below:

ASAN's Food and Farm Forum 2025, Nauvoo, AL - January 23-25

OAK's Annual Conference, Frankfort, KY - January 23-25

OGRAIN's Winter Conference, Madison, WI - January 24-25

NOFA NJ's 35th Annual Winter Conference, Asbury Park, NJ - January 25

Texas Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association Annual Conference, Pflugerville, TX - January 26 - 28

The USDA AMS National Organic Program (NOP) provides an email notification service to send out updates to the organic community. The Organic Insider sent out on January 8 discussed a new module available in the Organic Integrity Learning Center. This new module provides an overview of the USDA Organic Certificate to help certifiers, inspectors, operators, handlers, and other stakeholders to understand the importance of examining organic certificates. To read more from the Organic Insider, view archives, or register to receive updates by email visit: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/reports/organic-insider>

The USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)'s weekly newsletter, NIFA Update, provides information on news and information regarding agricultural-related sciences and technologies. The newsletter includes a list of upcoming webinars and application deadlines. On March 6, 2025, applications are due for the Integrated Research, Education, and Extension Competitive Grants Program - Organic Transitions. To read more from NIFA Update, view archives, receive updates on emails, or find more information about grants with upcoming deadlines visit: <https://www.nifa.usda.gov/nifa-update>

The Dairy Business Innovation Alliance (DBIA), a partnership between the Center for Dairy Research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association (WCMA), is seeking grant proposals from organic dairy processors. Funded by USDA's Organic Dairy Production Promotion Program, DBIA will distribute \$3.75 million in grant awards ranging from \$100,000 to \$1.5 million to processors to support costs associated with the distribution of organic dairy products for students and young adults (ages 0-25) in institutional settings such as schools, colleges, and youth organizations. Proposal submissions are due by 5 pm CT on February 21, 2025. Further information is available online at WCMA's website: <https://www.wischeesemakersassn.org/news/dairy-business-innovation-alliance-opens-applications-for-new-organic-grant-program>

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