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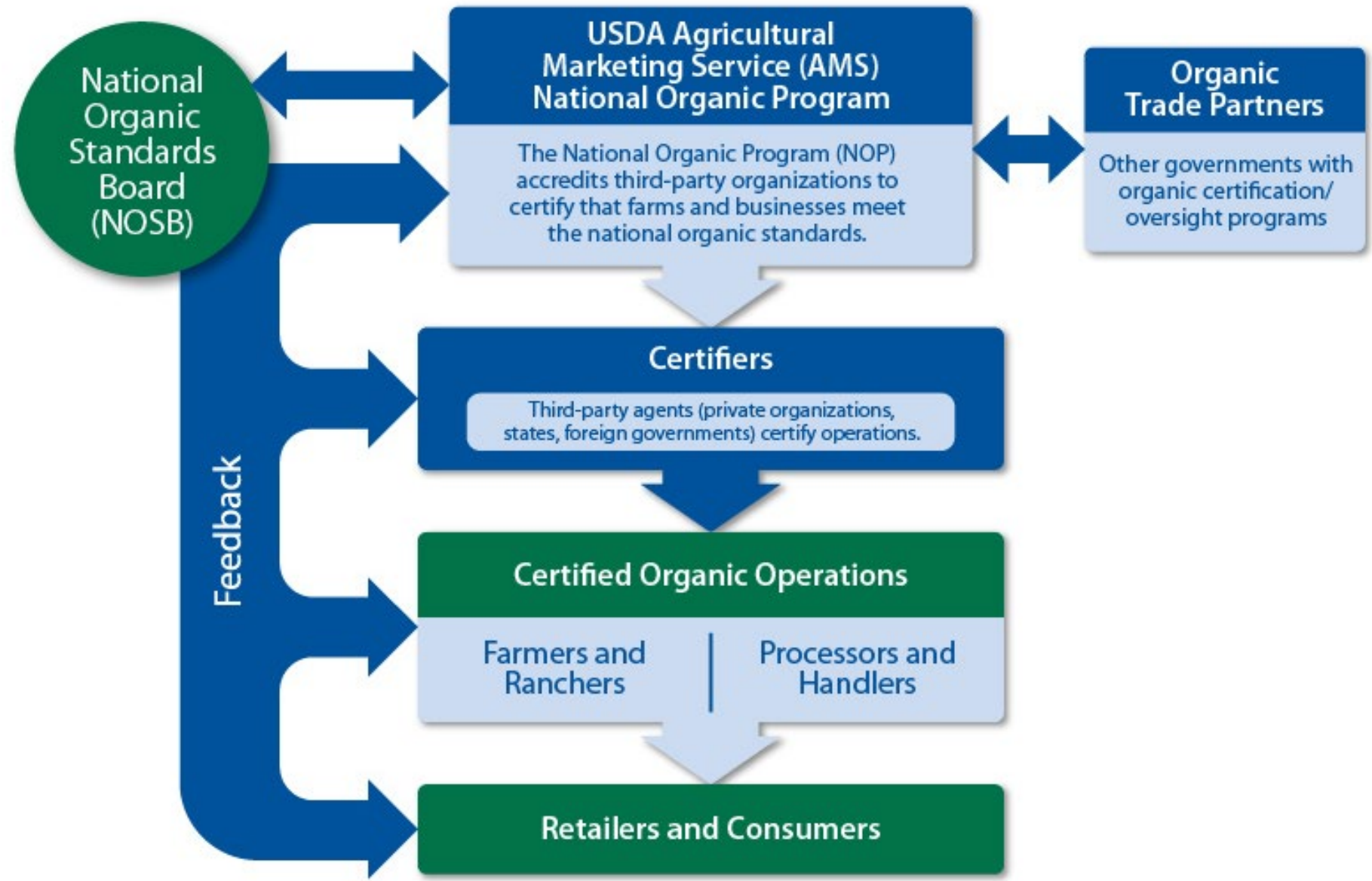
# **USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) National Organic Program (NOP)**

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

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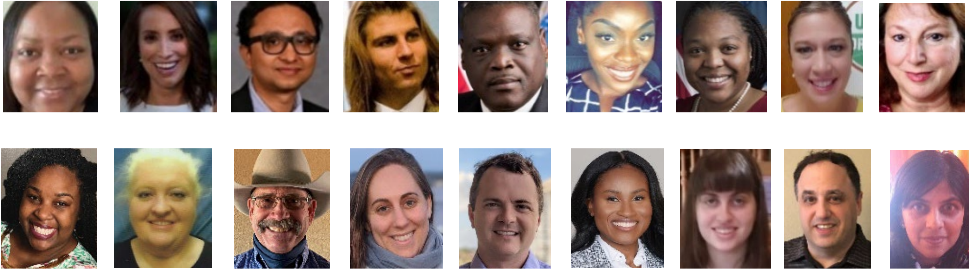
# The Public-Private Partnership of Organic Certification and Oversight



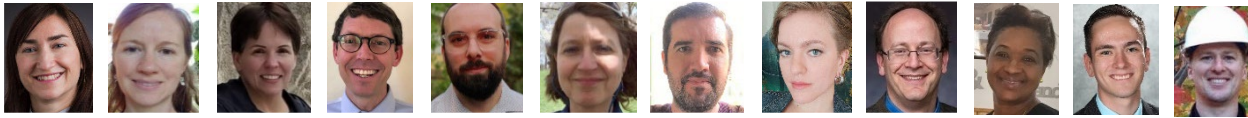
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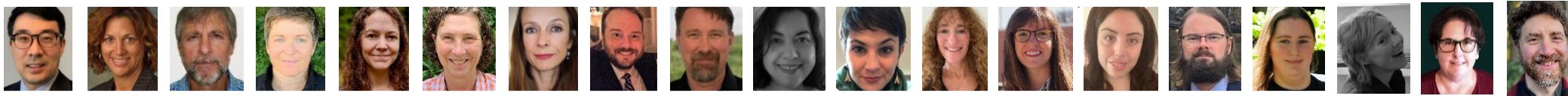
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## Standards Team



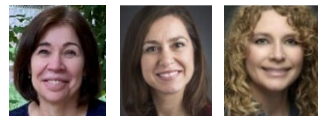
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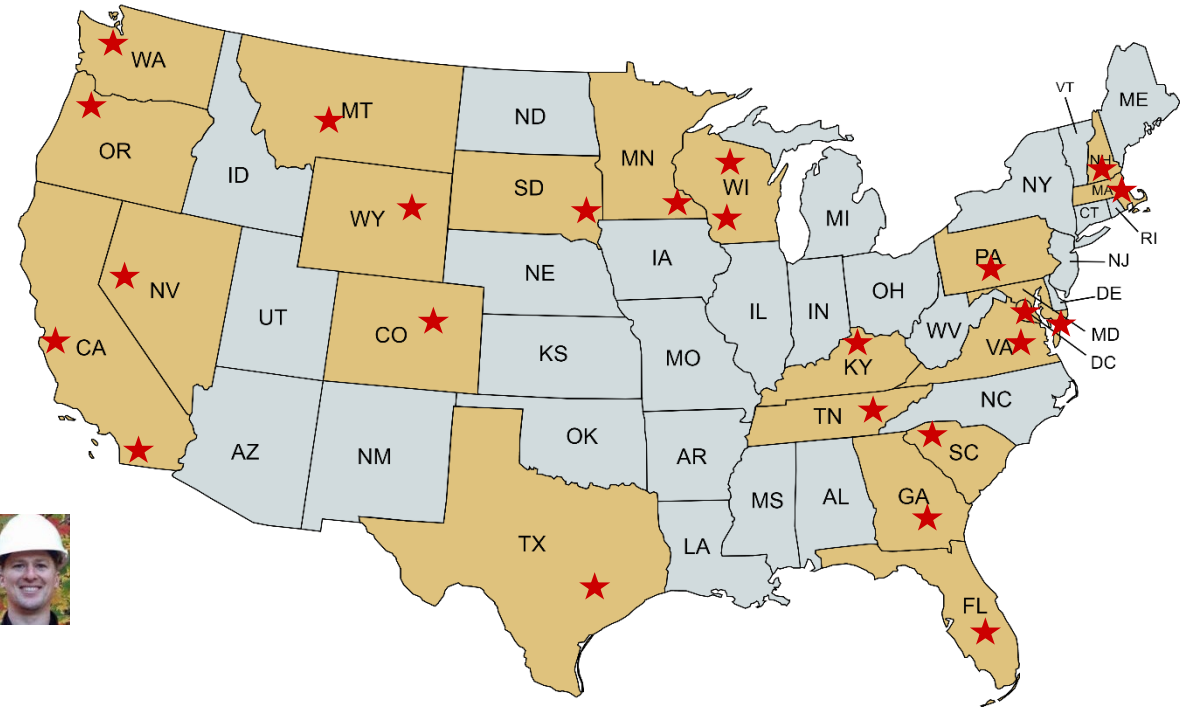
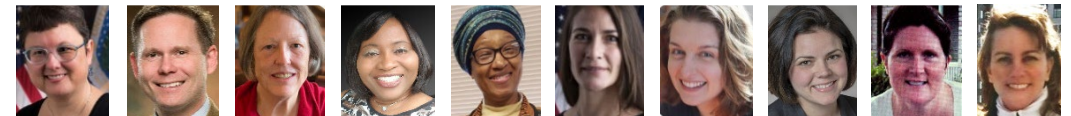
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## International Team

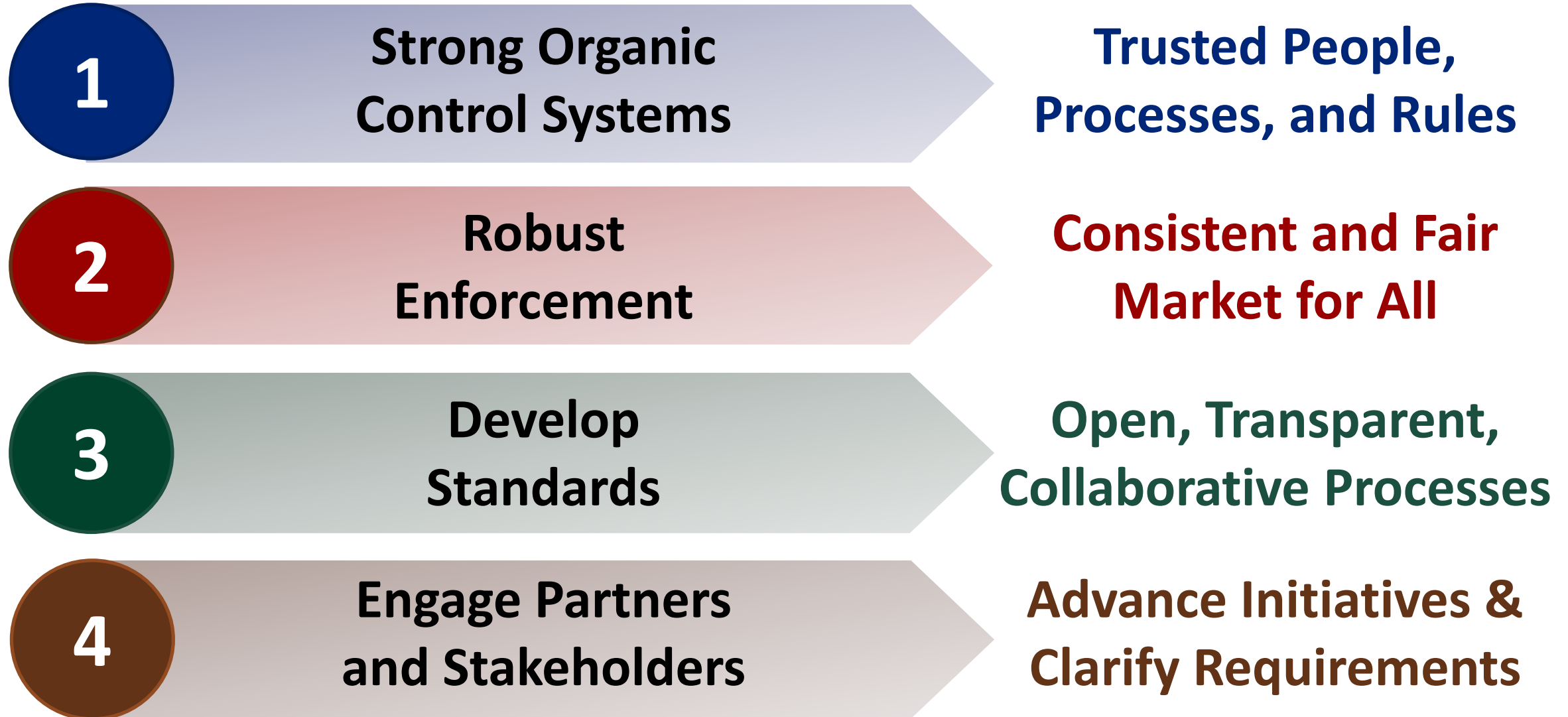


## Office of the Deputy Administrator Team





# National Organic Program Goals





# Global Organic Control Systems and Oversight



Standards

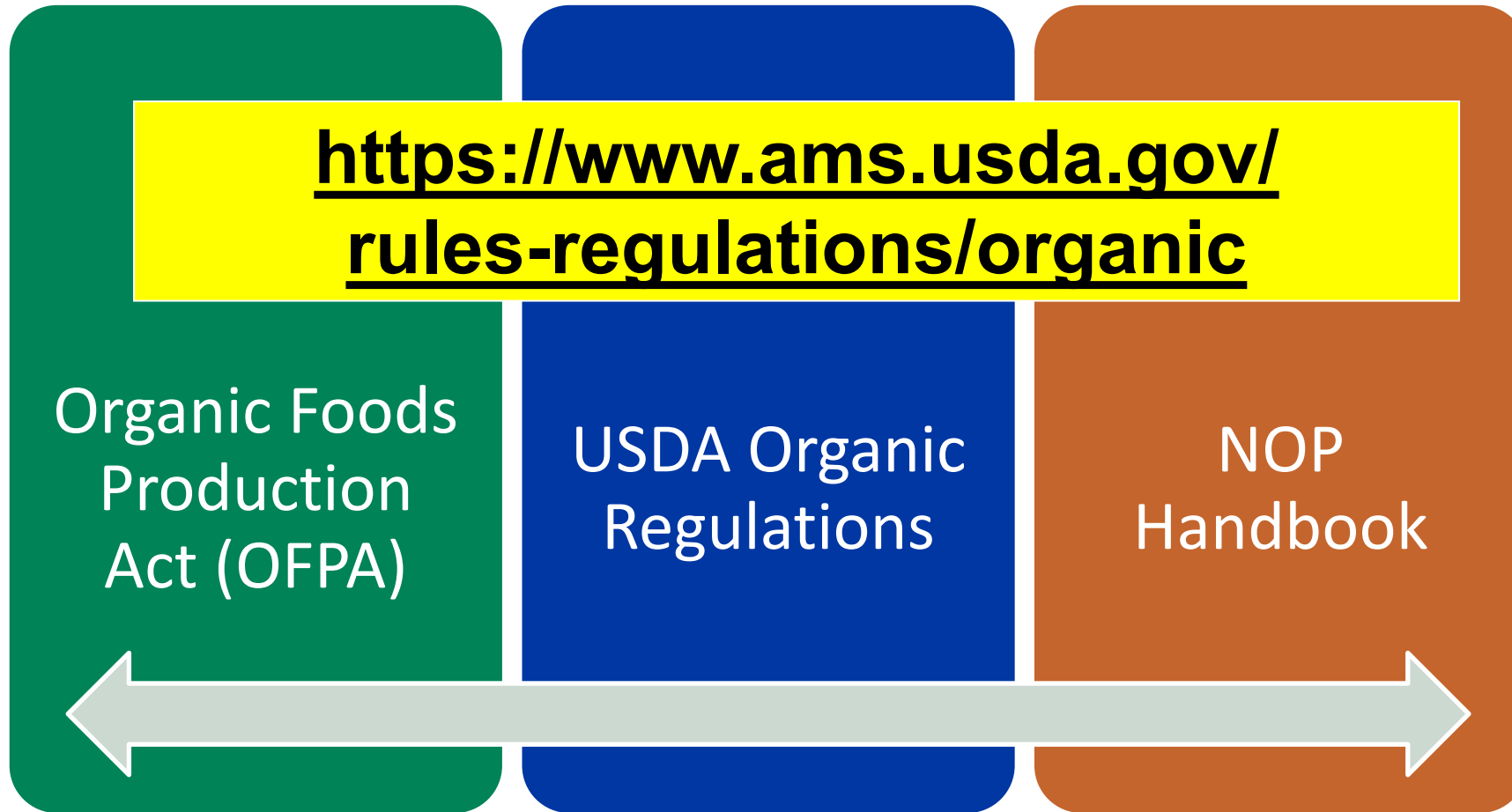
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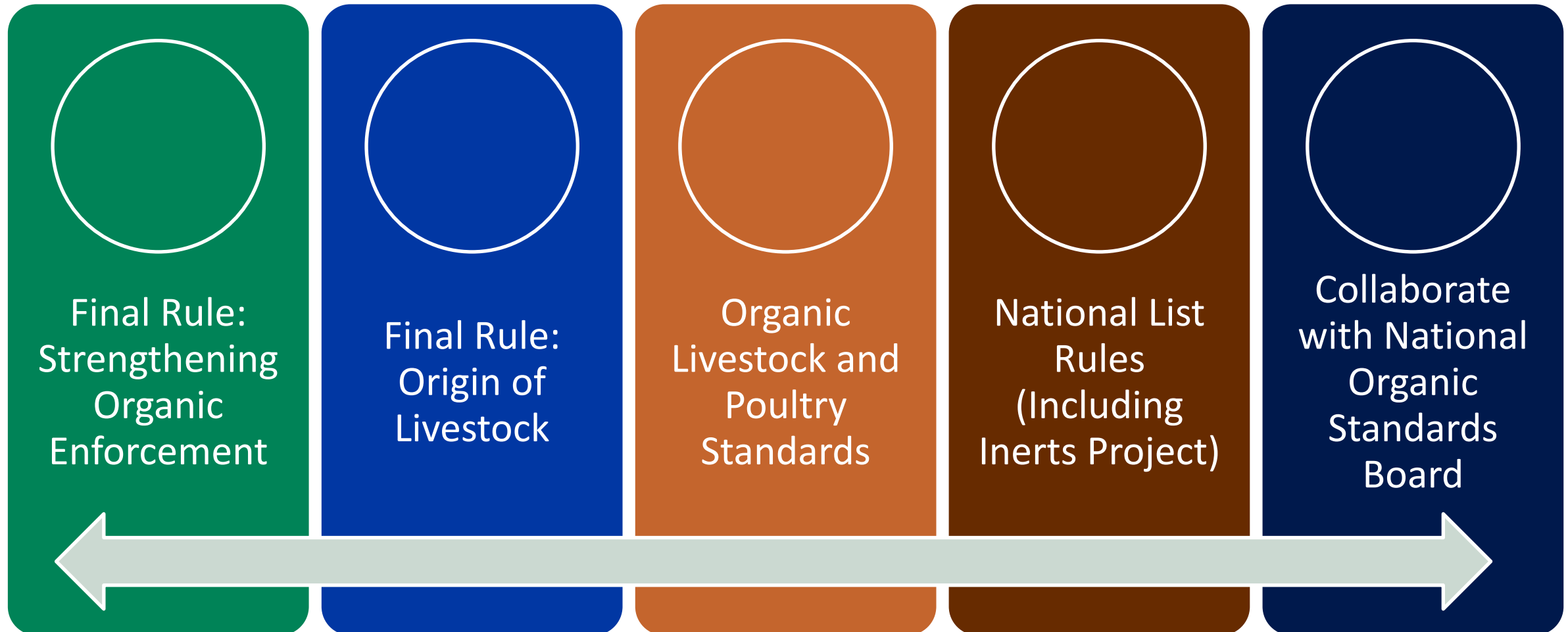
Enforcement

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

# NOP Standards: A Public Resource

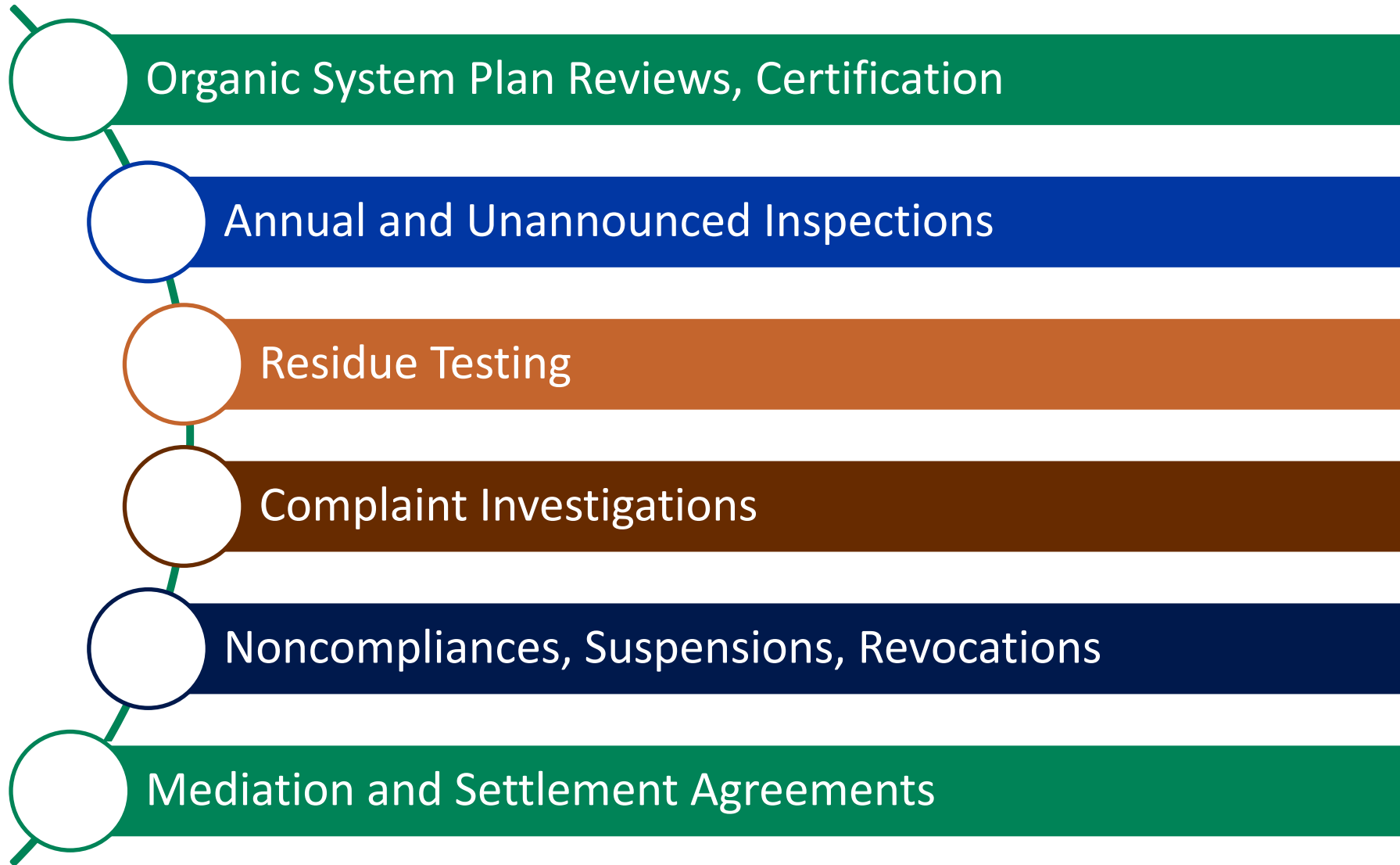


# Priorities for Standards





# Accredited Certifiers: A Critical Role



# Oversight, Compliance and Enforcement



## Scale

Broad-Based,  
Industry-  
Country Level

Certifier  
Level

Operation  
Level

Training Programs  
Webinars and Fact Sheets  
Enforcement Updates  
New Rules and Policy (Standards)

Information

Regional Directives

Surveillance Activities

Company-Specific Alerts (Letters)

Region-Country-Commodity Activities  
Trade Arrangement Oversight

Evidence

Certifier Non-Compliances,  
Settlements, Suspensions

Operation Level Non-Compliances,  
Settlements, Suspensions/Revocations

Civil Penalties/Prison

Capability Development

Enforcement

Goal



# Organic Integrity Learning Center

## NUMBER OF ENROLLED USERS

6889

## NUMBER OF COURSES

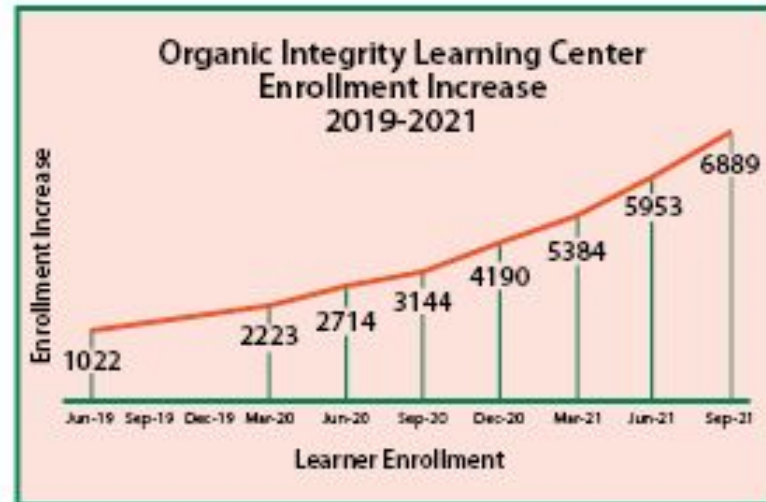
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## NUMBER OF LESSONS

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](http://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](#)