

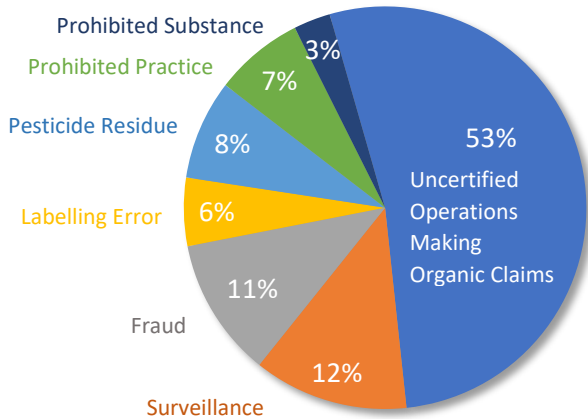


Organic Integrity Dashboard – 3/31/2020

A quarterly review of National Organic Program Enforcement activities

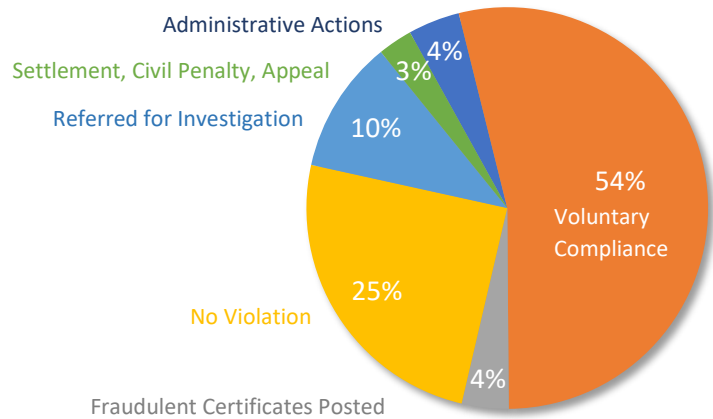
474 Cases in Progress

As of 3/31/2020



504 Closed Cases by Outcome

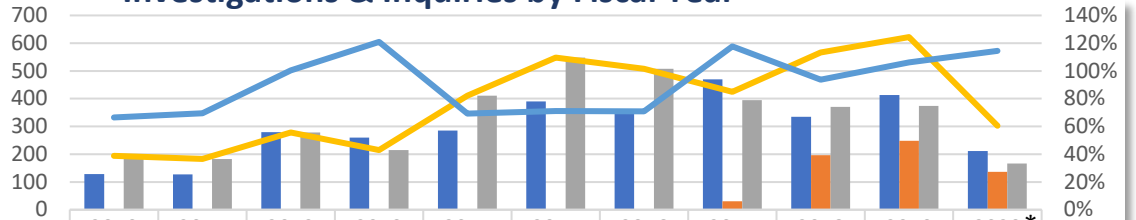
12 Months ending 3/31/2020



NOTE: NOP is working to make this new dashboard a useful benchmark for the organic community, providing both data and context. The categories used in these charts have been modified based on feedback from last quarter’s Dashboard. Open cases are based on allegations, complaints and surveillance, and are not in themselves proof or wrongdoing. Administrative Actions are warnings/notices to businesses, often uncertified, and are critical in establishing that violators are aware of the rules, to support future enforcement action if needed.

Investigations & Inquiries by Fiscal Year

* Fiscal Year 2020 numbers as of 4/13/2020
Percentage Completed includes cases from prior years



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*
Completed Investigations	129	127	279	260	285	390	360	470	335	413	211
Completed Inquiries								30	197	248	136
New Investigations	194	183	278	215	411	548	508	395	370	374	167
Total Incoming	194	183	278	215	411	548	508	425	567	622	303
Percentage completed	66%	69%	100%	121%	69%	71%	71%	118%	94%	106%	115%

Organic Import Oversight Tools: Electronic Import Certificates

In April, the NOP achieved a significant Farm Bill milestone by deploying the electronic organic import certificate in the Customs and Border Protection Automated Commercial Environment. The 2018 Farm Bill called for technological enhancements to improve the ability to oversee imported organic products. The electronic organic import certificates will provide critical organic import data and make it easier to monitor organic imports.

The organic certificate is being launched first as an optional filing step, not as required.

The electronic organic import certificate is expected to become required with the publication of the Strengthening Organic Enforcement final rule. Organic importers may begin to use the certificate on a voluntary basis at any time. NOP is currently communicating with a number of organic importers interested in participating in pilot tests of the import certificates.

