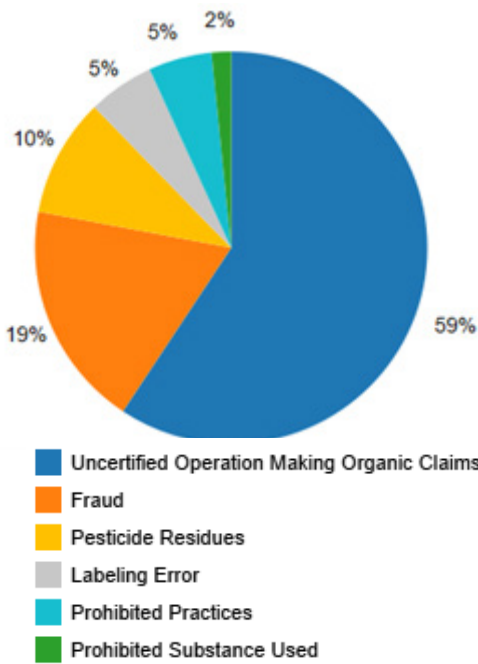


Organic Integrity Dashboard – 9/30/2022

A quarterly review of National Organic Program (NOP) enforcement activities

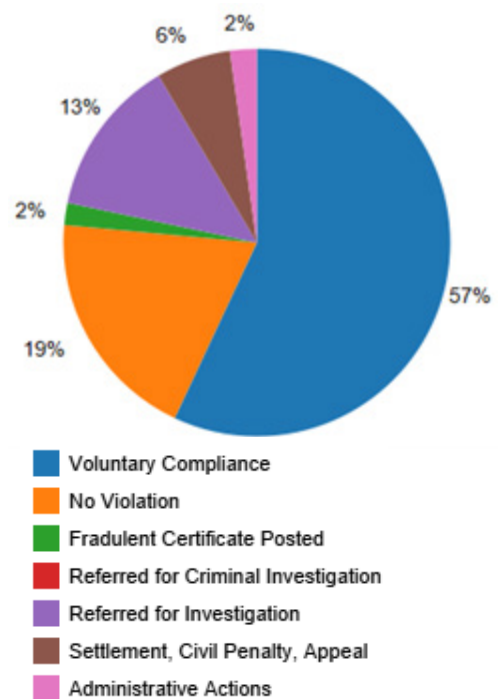
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As of 9/30/2022



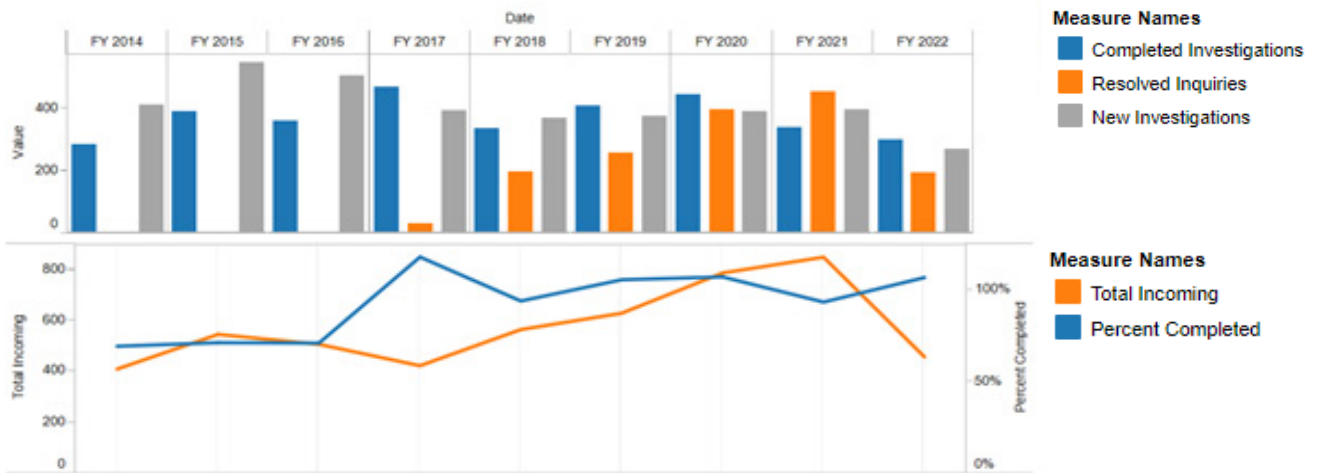
299 Closed Cases by Outcome

12 Months ending 9/30/2022



NOTES: Open cases are based on allegations, complaints, and surveillance, and are not in themselves proof of 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



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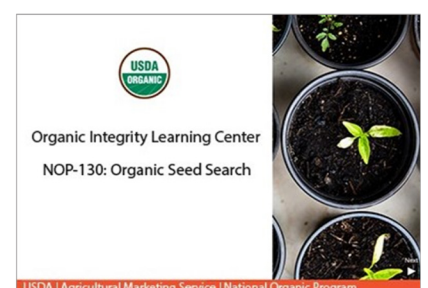
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Protecting the Integrity of Organic Seed

Weeding fraudulent seeds out of the organic supply chain protects organic farmers, ranchers, and consumers. In 2020, a sudden surge in seed shipments from one company helped unravel a supply chain risk with farm-to-table impact. Working with three certifiers, we ramped up surveillance of 22 certified seed suppliers. Together, we identified and corrected minor issues at some, while tracing questionable transactions back to four companies and quickly removing them from the organic system. Taking a high-risk actor out of play has immediate positive impact on the organic market.

Surveillance is an important early action that tells us a lot about risk in a commodity or region. Flagging risk early for certifiers helps us work together to root out fraud from supply chains faster than ever.

Today, our federal enforcement partners also help us monitor spikes in shipments of high-value and high-volume commodities headed for U.S. borders. Any spike is a call for NOP and all our partners to increase scrutiny. Strengthening farmer and consumer trust in the USDA organic label takes all of us.



Over 275 certifiers & inspectors have already completed the Organic Seed Search Course in the Organic Integrity Learning Center. [Click image to view.](#)