

October 16, 2023

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow
Chair
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Cmte
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Boozman
Ranking Member
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Cmte
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Glenn “G.T.” Thompson
Chair
House Agriculture Cmte
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable David Scott
Ranking Member
House Agriculture Cmte
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Support for Organic in the Farm Bill

Dear Chairwoman Stabenow, Chairman Thompson, Ranking Member Boozman, and Ranking Member Scott,

Thank you for your continued diligent efforts in producing a Farm Bill in 2023. We know it can be difficult to accommodate the priorities of such a diverse group of interested parties. However, we wish to highlight the continued growth and success of the organic sector as part of domestic agriculture and request a fair share of resources in the final Farm Bill.

Data shows that American consumers want organic food: organic food sales [surpassed \\$60 billion in 2022](#), and [4 out of 5 households](#) across the country regularly purchase organic products. Yet [only 0.1% of the \\$428 billion](#) 2018 Farm Bill was dedicated to organic. We need to scale up these investments.

With targeted policies in the next Farm Bill, we could begin to meet consumer demand for organic with domestic production, rather than relying on imports. Growing domestic organic production will expand market opportunities for farmers, put organic food in reach for more families, protect our natural resources, and drive prosperity in our rural communities.

Organic agriculture is a time-tested and scientifically supported approach to farming and ranching that centers on ecological diversity, soil fertility, and natural systems. To label their products “organic,” producers must follow strict rules and keep meticulous records. Every certified organic farmer, rancher, and processor voluntarily pays annually for rigorous review and inspections by a third-party certifier that is approved by USDA. For many businesses, the hard work and costs to achieve organic certification are worth it; but the road is bumpy, and many more producers are missing market opportunities because the financial and technical barriers remain too high.

We urge you to deliver a level playing field for this growing sector by expanding support for organic in the next Farm Bill.

Sincerely,

National

Alianza Nacional de Campesinas
Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
American Sustainable Business Network

Anytime Foods
Bonterra Organic Estates
California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF)

Center for Food Safety
Chipotle Mexican Grill
CleanEarth4Kids.org
Clif Bar (Mondelez)
Consumer Reports
Daily Harvest
Danone North America
Dr. Bronner's Magic Soaps
Earthjustice
Eco Lips, Inc.
Endangered Species Coalition
Environmental Working Group
Farm Action Fund
Firestone Pacific Foods
Flower Hill Institute
Friends of the Earth
Green America
HEAL Food Alliance
Hispanic Access Foundation
Homera
Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
Interfaith Power & Light
Jacobs Farm • Del Cabo
Jessica Dowding Agency
Kiss the Ground
KOVAL Distillery
Latino Farmers & Ranchers International, Inc.
Mark J. Guay, PC
Marmalade Sky, LLC
National Center for Appropriate Technology
National Co+op Grocers
National Family Farm Coalition
National Organic Coalition
National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition
National Wildlife Federation
National Young Farmers Coalition
Natural Grocers
Natural Resources Defense Council
Nature's Path Foods, Inc.
Naturepedic Organic Mattresses

Non-Toxic Neighborhoods
Oregon Tilth
Organic Farmers' Agency for Relationship
Marketing (OFARM)
Organic Farmers Association
Organic Farming Research Foundation
Organic Material Review Institute (OMRI)
Organic Seed Alliance
Organic Trade Association
Organic Valley
Organic Voices
Patagonia
Pennsylvania Certified Organic (PCO)
Pesticide Action Network
Rachel Carson Council
Regenerate America
Regenerative Organic Alliance
Rincon-Vitova Insectaries
Rodale Institute
Rural Advancement Foundation International-
USA
Rural Coalition
Rural Development Leadership Network
Spring Sunrise Natural Foods
Sprouts Farmers Market
Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability
Stonyfield
Taylor Farms
Thaxton Organic Garlic
The Cornucopia Institute
The Organic & Non-GMO Report
The Synergy Company (Pure Synergy)
Union of Concerned Scientists
Whole Foods Market
Wilbur Ellis Organics
Wild Farm Alliance
Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation

State/Regional

A & W Farm Operations, Inc (IA)
Agri Management Center (IA)
Agriculture and Land-Based Training
Association (CA)
American Federation of Government Employees
Local 3354 (MO)
Amity Highland Ranch (NY)
Arthur Dunham DVM
Blueberry Bottom Farm (IA)
BlueStem Organic Feed Mill (IA)
Bluestem Prairie Organic Hemp, LLC (IA)
Boulder Belt Eco-Farm (OH)
California Climate & Agriculture Network
(CalCAN)
California Farmers Union
Californians Against Waste
Californians for Pesticide Reform
Carolina Farm Stewardship Association
Catskill Mountainkeeper (NY)
Central Plains Organic Farmers
Ceres Community Project (CA)
Charlie Kollasch (IA)
Climate Land Leaders (IA)
Colorado Department of Agriculture
Conservation Action Fund for Education (CA)
Cow Creek Farm (FL)
Cyclone Farms Inc (NE)
Diane's Market Kitchen (WA)
DonnaLonna Kitchen (IA)
Dr. Yolanda Whyte Pediatrics (CA)
Ela Family Farms (CO)
Families Advocating for Chemical and Toxics
Safety (CA)
Farmworkers Association of Florida
Florida Veterans for Common Sense, Inc.
Forest Glen Jerseys Dairy (OR)
Forest Glen Oaks Dairy (OR)
Freddy's Farm (OH)
Frog Hollow Farm (CA)
Future Roots Farm (CA)
Georgia Organics
Grain Place Foundation (NE)
Grandparents in Action (CA)
Greensward New Natives (CA)
Grow Pittsburgh (PA)
Harmony Organic Dairy LLC (ID)
Hemlock Grove Farm (NY)
Humming Bee Nursery (OR)
Hungry Bear Farm (NH)
iEat Green, LLC (NY)
Illinois Stewardship Alliance
Indian Creek Nature Center (IA)
Iowa Farmers Union
Iowa Organic Association
Iowana Farm (IA)
Island CultureZ (NC)
Jóia Food & Fiber Farm (IA)
Kansas Farmers Union
Lancaster Farm Fresh Cooperative (PA)
Learning 4 Life Farm (OH)
Leroy Meyer (OH)
Little Paradise Farm (CA)
Love is Love Cooperative Farm (GA)
Maine Organic Farmers & Gardeners
Association
Marbleseed (Midwest)
Marin Food Policy Council (CA)
Marlene's Market and Deli (WA)
MI ALMA (MI)
Michigan Food and Farming Systems
Midwest Organic Services Association (MOSA)
Mika Meadows, LLC (OH)
Missouri Organic Association
Molino Creek LLC (CA)
Montana Organic Association
Mount Rainier Creamery (WA)
New England Farmers Union
New Jersey Conservation Foundation

New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council
 New Seasons Market (CA, OR, WA)
 North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers Land Loss Prevention Project
 Northeast Organic Dairy Producers Alliance
 Northeast Organic Farming Association - Interstate Council
 Northeast Organic Farming Association of Connecticut (NOFA-CT)
 Northeast Organic Farming Association of Massachusetts (NOFA-MA)
 Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Hampshire (NOFA-NH)
 Northeast Organic Farming Association of New Jersey (NOFA-NJ)
 Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York (NOFA-NY)
 Northeast Organic Farming Association of Rhode Island (NOFA-RI)
 Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT)
 Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides (ID, OR, WA)
 Northwest Forest Worker Center
 Nutrition & Fitness Collaborative of the Central Coast (CA)
 Ohio Ecological Food & Farm Association
 OPINS Organic Co-op (NE)
 Optimum Service Group (IA)
 Oregon Organic Coalition
 Organically Grown Company (Pacific Northwest)
 Pasa Sustainable Agriculture (PA)
 PNW Ag Sales LLC (WA)
 Potomac Vegetable Farms (VA)
 Protect Wild Petaluma (CA)
 Prudent Produce (IA)
 Robert McClelland Dairy (CA)
 Roots of Change (CA)
 Rowan Food and Farm Network (NC)
 Rural Advancement Fund of the National Sharecroppers Fund (SC)
 Safe Ag Safe Schools (CA)
 Samadhi (IA)
 Silver Tree Spirits (IL)
 Silvix Resources (OR)
 Sonoma County Climate Activist Network (SoCoCAN!) (CA)
 Sonrise Organic Farm (MN)
 Springfield Food Policy Council (MA)
 SPROUT (LA)
 Stone Soup Advisors (IL)
 Straits Brothers Farm, Inc. (OH)
 Tenacious Turtle Farm (KY)
 The Food Co-op (WA)
 The Montauk Seaweed Supply Company (NY)
 The Old Bakery Beer Company (IL)
 Tilt Alliance (WA)
 Toxic Free North Carolina
 Village Bakery & Cafe (OH)
 Virginia Association for Biological Farming
 Viva Farms (WA)
 Wattonville Family Farm (IA)
 Western Organic Dairy Producers Alliance (WODPA)
 Wine & Water Watch (CA)
 YardSmartMarin (CA)