



## WESTERN ORGANIC DAIRY PRODUCERS ALLIANCE

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### WODPA takes DC for the Organic Trade Association's Organic Week 2023

WODPA's Executive Director, Lia Sieler, attended Organic Week hosted by the Organic Trade Association (OTA) in Washington D.C. May 9 – 11, 2023. The first two days were filled with complex issues surrounding organic food and farming while continuously focusing on the advancement of organic policy priorities.

Instrumental conversations centered around organic occurred between change makers in our industry. Multiple guest speakers



presented on their respective sectors ranging from Helena Bottemiller Evich speaking on the supply chain issues in baby formula to Dr. Roger Cryan presenting on his outlook for the nation's food and ag economy. We heard panel discussions on nutrition equity and supporting diverse business partners beyond the certification process. We wrapped up the week with meetings planned and coordinated by OTA with members of congress and their professional staff at their respective offices on Capitol Hill. Below is a re-cap of the conference and Hill visits Lia had the pleasure of attending!

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### ODMAP update with FSA representatives Mike Schmidt & Riya Mehta

The announcement should be coming any day. As soon as the announcement is made, applications will be made available at your local FSA office.

- Originally, we were told the announcement was coming by the end of the week but obviously there were some hiccups with that plan.

FSA Staff clarified that payment will be 75% of \$1.10.

- We can reach out and start urging the release of the remaining 25% as soon as the program is officially opened. Organic Dairies are going to be asked for an attestation to be submitted with their application. This attestation should be taken VERY seriously and should include your production numbers from the past 5 years along with input costs for the past 5 years to convey that need for more the remaining 25% and a safety net program to be enacted. Your attestation must be accurate!
- The maximum amount per farm entity is 5 million lbs.
- Volume is based on 2022 production numbers.

Marketing costs were based on conventional numbers since organic specific numbers are not available. This became a main ask during my Hill visits last Thursday.

The application period will only be 60 days.

These funds are through the Commodity Credit Corp (CCC) and are not automatically included in the FARM Bill, so money needs to be allocated and disbursed before the next Farm Bill.

A farm must currently be in business at the time of application to receive funds.

Once the application is submitted, funds should be received within a week.



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