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<p>Continuous Improvement and Accountability in Organic Standards (CIAO) Act</p> <p>Talking points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates transparency and empowers business planning • Creates predictability and encourages innovation • Maintains USDA authority to set its agenda 	<p>H.R. 5973 original cosponsors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA-4) • Rep. Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24) • Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-19) • Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME-1) <p>House version:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bipartisan, no cost bill, supported by a strong contingent of the industry (OTA, NOC, OFA, Specialty Crop, OPA, etc.) • Provides multiple avenues for stakeholder input and feedback during the rulemaking process • Forward facing to continue to update standards and move old recommendations • Keeps existing authorities and infrastructure, has a predictable timeline <p>Ask: Cosponsor H.R. 5973</p>	<p>Rural Prosperity and Food Security Act of 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOP - solicit public input on the prioritization of organic regulations to be promulgated or revised; • Secretary - publish an annual report regarding recommendations from the OSB, all regulatory and administrative actions taken, and justifications on why actions were or were not taken; • GAO - conduct a study on the efforts of the NOP to improve organic standards and provide recommendations on how the NOP can ensure that organic program standards evolve in a timely manner <p>Position: Glad to see this included</p> <p>Ask: Be supportive of the legislative language of RFP SA</p>
<p>Organic Market Development Act</p> <p>\$75 million in annual funding + \$25 million in appropriations</p> <p>Talking points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brings investment to your district • Shores up domestic supply chain • Protects farmers from international market fluctuations • Includes grants for farm equipment and storage 	<p>H.R. 5763 original cosponsors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Ann Kuster (D-NH-2) • Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-19) • Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME-1) • Rep. Andrea Salinas (D-OR-6) <p>Ask: Cosponsor H.R. 5763</p> <p>Include OMD in the House version of the Farm Bill to improve farm resilience</p> <p>Appropriations: + \$25 million in FY25 appropriations</p>	<p>S.2936 original cosponsors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) • Sen. Angus King (D-ME) • Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) <p>Rural Prosperity and Food Security Act of 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$50 million in annual Farm Bill funding. <p>Position: Glad to see this included</p> <p>Ask: Cosponsor S.2936</p> <p>Appropriations: + \$25 million in FY25 appropriations</p>

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<p>Organic Dairy Data Collection Act</p> <p>Talking points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empowers USDA to design better organic dairy programs • Feedstuff cost data is crucial for market prediction and business planning – even beyond dairy • Organic dairies deserve the same access to information as conventional • Promotes farm resilience • Bipartisan, no cost 	<p>H.R.6937 original cosponsors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME-01) • Rep. Marcus Molinaro (R-NY-19) <p>Directs USDA to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect and publish cost-of-production data for organic milk, including the costs of major organic feedstuffs, domestically produced or imported; • Gather and report monthly data on the price of organic milk; and • Aggregate and publish state and regional data on the cost and volume of organic milk production. <p>Ask: Cosponsor H.R.6937</p>	<p>Rural Prosperity and Food Security Act of 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directs USDA to improve collection of organic dairy market data. <p>Position: Glad to see this included</p> <p>Ask: Sponsor Senate version of H.R. 6937</p>
<p>Organic Research Bills</p> <p>SOAR and ORSI both:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reauthorizes and increase OREI funding incrementally, from \$60 million in 2024 to \$100 million in 2028, 2. Make competitive grants available for research specifically focused on transition to organic <p>Talking points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organic research benefits all producers – research on conventional methods do not benefit organic • Organic research leads to innovation and added value for the sector • Research is necessary to measure and optimize the outcomes of organic agriculture systems. • Organic makes up 6% of U.S. food sales but receives a much smaller fraction of federal research funding. 	<p>Strengthening Organic Agriculture Research Act (SOAR) H.R. 2720 original cosponsors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA-4) • Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-ME-1) • Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-19) <p>Unique to SOAR:</p> <p>Increases funding for organic data collection efforts to \$2 million per year through 2028.</p> <p>Ask: Cosponsor H.R.2720</p>	<p>Organic Science and Research Investment (OSRI) S. 2317 original cosponsors:</p> <p>Sen. John Fetterman (D-PA) Sen. Robert Casey (D-PA) Sen. Peter Welch (D-VT) Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR) Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY)</p> <p>Unique to OSRI:</p> <p>Requires improved coordination between USDA research agencies and organic research and extension. Requires a feasibility study on transitioning more land to organic.</p> <p>Ask: Cosponsor S.2317</p> <p>Rural Prosperity and Food Security Act of 2024:</p> <p>Enhances coordination on organic research in USDA's Research, Education, and Economics mission area, including the creation of a coordinator role at USDA.</p> <p>Position: Glad to see this included</p>