

# Organic Transition Initiative

Comprehensive support for farmers transitioning to organic production, including technical assistance, pinpointed market development, and financial support.



## Transition to Organic Partners Program

### Farmer to Farmer Networks

Build partnership networks in six regions, with trusted local organizations providing direct farmer training, education, and outreach activities.

- Wrap-around technical assistance
- Paid farmer mentoring networks
- Train-the-mentor support
- On-farm field days and workshops



## Pinpointed Market Development

Provide funding to mitigate market development risks due to inadequate organic processing capacity and infrastructure, a lack of certainty about market access, and insufficient organic ingredient supplies.

- Organic grain and feed
- Organic legumes
- Other edible rotational crops
- Organic livestock processing
- Ingredient market



## Direct Farmer Assistance

### Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)

Implement new Organic Management conservation practice standard. Provide assistance to producers implementing the practice.

### Risk Management Agency (RMA)

Provide direct farmer support through the new Transitional Organic Premium Assistance Program (TOGA)



## USDA Technical Assistance

### Build USDA Capacity to Serve Organic Producers

Increase depth of organic expertise across USDA agencies, with a focus on NRCS regions. Better align organic-focused services for transitioning and existing organic farmers.

- Increase organic expertise across USDA
- Establish centralized repository of organic technical assistance and training resources

