

Sustainable and Organic Agriculture Policy Acronyms
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General and Government

Selected Organizations (general)

Selected Commodity Organizations

Organic Trade Association

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ACAB – Advisory Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology
AMS – Agricultural Marketing Service of AMD (includes TMD and NOP)
AMTA – Agricultural Market Transition Act, a.k.a. “Freedom to Farm”, 1996 Farm Bill
ANPR – Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (e.g., a USDA/NOP Federal Register notice)
AOS – American Organic Standards (OTA industry guidelines)
APAC – Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee (joint USDA-US Trade Representative committee)
APHIS – Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA)
ARCD – Audit Review and Compliance Division (USDA; was MGCB)
ARS – Agricultural Research Service (USDA)
ATTRA – Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas (within NCAT)
BATF – Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (within Department of Commerce)
CAFO – Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation
CAQ – Conseil d’Accreditation du Quebec (Accreditation Council of Quebec)
CEQ – Council on Environmental Quality
CNMP – Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan
COAB – Canadian Organic Advisory Board
CRADA – Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (between gov. and private)
CREP – Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
CRP – Conservation Reserve Program
CSA – Conservation Security Act
CSREES – Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (USDA)
EEC – European Economic Community
ENM – Estimated National Mean, a measurement in EPA’s Pesticide Data Program (PDP)
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency
ERS – Economic Research Service (USDA)
EQIP – Environmental Quality Incentives Program
EU – European Union
FAIR – 1996 Farm Bill; also known as “Freedom to Farm” or sarcastically, “Freedom to Fail”
FARAD – Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database
FAO – Food and Agriculture Organization (United Nations)
FAS – Foreign Agriculture Service (USDA)
FCIC – Federal Crop Insurance Corporation
FDA – Food and Drug Administration
FIFRA – Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act
FMNP – Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

FNS – Food and Nutrition Service (USDA)
 FSIS – Food Safety and Inspection Service (USDA)
 FSMIP – Federal-State Marketing Improvement Program
 FPP – Farmland Protection Program
 FSAC – Food Security Advisory Committee
 FSRJA – Farm Security and Rural Investment Act; 2002 Farm Bill
 GAO – General Accounting Office (investigative arm of Congress)
 GIPSA – Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (USDA)
 GMO (GEO) – Genetically Modified (Engineered) Organism
 GRAS – generally regarded as safe, used by FDA
 GURT – Genetic Use Restriction Technologies (trait control)
 HACCP – Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point
 IFAFS – Initiative for Future Agriculture and Food Systems
 IOAS – International Organic Accreditation Service
 IQF – individual quick frozen
 ISO – International Organization for Standardization
 ISO 65 – Guide for Certification Agencies
 JAS – Japanese Agricultural Service
 LDP – Loan Deficiency Payments
 MAFF – Ministry of Agriculture, Forests, and Fisheries (Japan; formerly UK as well)
 MAP – Market Access Program (USDA export program)
 MGCB – Meat Grading and Certification Branch (of Livestock and Seed, AMS; now ARCD)
 NAD – National Appeals Division (USDA)
 NAREEEAB – National Ag. Research, Extension, Ed. and Econ. Advisory Board (advises USDA)
 NASDA – National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
 NASOP – National Association of State Organic Programs (now within NASDA)
 NASS – National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA)
 NCAT – National Center for Appropriate Technology (private non-profit)
 NIST – National Institute of Standards and Technology
 NOP – National Organic Program of USDA
 NOP – National Organic Standards (of NOP)
 NOSB – National Organic Standards Board (advises USDA/NOP)
 NDPEs – National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (Clean Water Act provision)
 NRCS – Natural Resource Conservation Service (USDA)
 OFPA – Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (Title XXI of the 1990 Farm Bill)
 OSTP – Office of Science and Technology Policy
 PACA – Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act
 PBN – premarket biotechnology notice (FDA)
 PDP – Pesticide Data Program of USDA, or “principle display panel”
 PLU – Price Look-Up (retail stock control number)
 SARE – Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education
 SFAC – Small Farms Advisory Committee
 RCD – Rural Coop Development
 RMA – Risk Management Act
 SAN – Sustainable Agriculture Network (USDA)

SAP – Scientific Advisory Panel
SARE – Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (grant program of USDA)
SDWA – Safe Drinking Water Act
SKU – Store Keeping Unit; retail inventory number
TAP – Technical Advisory Panel
TMD – Transportation and Marketing Division of USDA (contains NOP)
TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load
TSCA – Toxic Substances Control Act
USDA – United States Department of Agriculture
UREC – unavoidable residual environmental contamination
WHIP – Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (zero-funded in Bush’s proposed budget)
WHO – World Health Organization
WRP – Wetland Reserve Program
WTO – World Trade Organization

Selected Organizations (general)

AFBA – American Farm Bureau Federation
AFT – American Farmland Trust
CFSC – Community Food Security Coalition
CFP – Community Food Project
CGIAR – Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR)
CSO – (generic) Civil Society Organization; NGO
ETC – Action Group on Erosion, Technology, and Concentration (formerly RAFI)
GMA – Grocery Manufacturers of America
IFOAM – International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements
IOAS – International Organic Accreditation Service
ISAAA – International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications
NCSA – National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture
NFFC – National Family Farm Coalition
NFO – National Farmers Organization
NGO – (generic) Non-Governmental Organization, also known as Civil Society Organization
NFU – National Farmers Union
OCA – Organic Consumers Association
OMRI – Organic Materials Review Institute
OTA – Organic Trade Association
RAFI – Rural Advancement Foundation International (now the ETC Group)
SAC – Sustainable Agriculture Coalition
SAWG – Sustainable Agriculture Working Group (national and regional variations)
WGA – Western Growers Association
WORC – Western Organization of Resource Councils

Selected Commodity Organizations

ACGA – American Corn Growers Association (anti-GMO)

NAWG – National Association of Wheat Growers
NCBA – National Cattlemen's Beef Association
NCGA – National Corn Growers Association (pro-GMO)
NCC – National Cotton Council
NNFA – Natural and Nutritional Foods Association
NPPC – National Pork Producers' Council
USARF – USA Rice Federation
UFFVA – United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association
USRPA – US Rice Producers Association

Organic Trade Association

ATO – All Things Organic, OTA's trade show
AOS – American Organic Standards (OTA industry guidelines)
CC – Canadian Council
GAC – Government Affairs Committee
IRC – International Relations Committee
MPPL – Manufacturing, Processing, Packaging, and Labeling Subcommittee (QAC)
OCC – OTA's Certifiers Council (a.k.a. Organic Certifiers Council)
OFC – OTA's Fiber Council (a.k.a. Organic Fiber Council)
OSAC – OTA's Suppliers Advisory Committee (a.k.a. Organic Suppliers Advisory Committee)
QAC – Quality Assurance Committee
SC – Steering Committee (of any committee or council)
TIS – Trading and Ingredient Supply Subcommittee (QAC)