



## Understanding the Basics of Organic Production Resources

### Statute & Regulations:

- Organic Certification (7 U.S.C. §§ 6501–6524)  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/USCODE-2022-title7/html/USCODE-2022-title7-chap94.htm>
- National Organic Program (7 C.F.R § 205)  
<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-7/subtitle-B/chapter-I/subchapter-M/part-205>

### U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Resources

- USDA Agricultural Marketing Service, Organic Regulations  
<https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic>
- USDA Agricultural Marketing Service, National Organic Program  
<https://www.ams.usda.gov/about-ams/programs-offices/national-organic-program?ref=policyisforlovers.com>
- USDA Agricultural Marketing Service, Organic Livestock Requirements  
<https://www.ams.usda.gov/publications/content/organic-livestock-requirements>
- USDA Agricultural Marketing Service, The National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances  
<https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic/national-list>
- USDA Farm Service Agency, Help for Organic Farming  
<https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/outreach-and-education/help-for-organic-farming/index>
- USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Organic Agriculture Program  
<https://www.nifa.usda.gov/grants/programs/organic-agriculture-program>

### Pennsylvania State Resources:

- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Pennsylvania Organic Initiative  
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/eqip-organic-initiative/pennsylvania/pennsylvania-organic-initiative>
- PA Department of Agriculture, PA Preferred Organic  
[https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Business\\_Industry/PAPreferredOrganic/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Business_Industry/PAPreferredOrganic/Pages/default.aspx)
- PA Department of Agriculture, Steps to Become Certified Organic  
[https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Business\\_Industry/PAPreferredOrganic/BecomingOrganic/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Business_Industry/PAPreferredOrganic/BecomingOrganic/Pages/default.aspx)

### Academic Articles:

- Cash Barker & Elizabeth Rumley, Nat'l Agric. Law Ctr., *The Organic Livestock and Poultry Practices Rule and Current Events*, NALC Issue Brief (Nov. 2018).  
<https://nationalaglawcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/assets/articles/IB-Barker-Rumley-NOP-livestock.pdf>.
- Nat'l Agric. Law Ctr., *The Fight for Organic: Hydroponic Certification Under Fire* (Nov. 3 2020)  
<https://nationalaglawcenter.org/the-fight-for-organic-hydroponic-certification-under-fire/>.
- Jana Caracciolo, Nat'l Agric. Law Ctr., *Organic Update: AMS Proposes to De-list 18 Substances* (Oct. 19, 2021) <https://nationalaglawcenter.org/organic-update-ams-proposes-to-de-list-18-substances/>.

### Relevant Case Law:

- Nat'l Agric. Law Ctr., Case Law Index National Organic Program  
<https://nationalaglawcenter.org/aglaw-reporter/case-law-index/national-organic-program/>