



# Northeast/MidAtlantic Transition to Organic Partnership Program



The Transition to Organic Partnership Program (TOPP) is a new USDA initiative that will invest up to \$100 million over five years to provide education, technical assistance, and support to help producers transition to organic. The goal of this initiative is to help grow the organic sector.

TOPP Funding will support several components:



### Farmer to Farmer Mentoring

Farmers who are transitioning their operations to organic production will be paired with experienced certified organic farmers in their region. Mentors will be compensated to provide one-on-one support to the mentee farmer during transition.



### Technical Assistance and Training

Field days, workshops and other events will be held across the region to provide education on organic agronomy, certification, regulations, market and business support and other topics.



### Community Building

Virtual and in-person networking and resource hubs will be built to connect producers, agricultural professionals, and others.



### Workforce Development & Training

TOPP will help build organically-focused workforce training and education to expand the supply chain's knowledge of organic.

If you're interested in getting involved in any of these initiatives, please complete the interest form at [www.paorganic.org/topp](http://www.paorganic.org/topp) or fax your interest to 814-422-0255.

