

## Creating Lasting Impact in TOPP's Final Year



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As the U.S. organic market continues to grow, 2026 marks not only a decisive moment for farmers considering transitioning, but also the final year of the Transition to Organic Partnership Program (TOPP).

TOPP was created to do more than spark short-term interest in organic production—it builds networks and provides assistance that make organic certification attainable on a scale never before

seen. The program's national impact backs up this mission: over 2,200 events hosted, more than 5,200 people receiving technical assistance, and over 2,600 mentorship pairs established.

In the Plains region, organic transition can be daunting. Large acreage, long distances between partners, and region-specific production challenges mean that success depends on strong relationships and shared knowledge. TOPP helps bridge those gaps by connecting producers with trusted technical assistance, peer networks, and regionally relevant resources.

One of the most impactful ways TOPP creates long-term value is through its mentorship program. Mentees receive guidance from experienced organic mentors, who help demystify organic certification and serve as points of connection for inexperienced producers. These mentee-mentor relationships often extend beyond the program and strengthen organic community across the Plains.

As the final year of TOPP begins, we encourage you to **get involved and help the program leave a lasting impact**. Take advantage of resources and opportunities, and share about TOPP within your networks.

Become a Mentee

Become a Mentor

## Share your experience!

The Organic Farming Research Foundation (OFRF) National Organic Farmer Survey is currently accepting responses. Sharing your experiences helps inform resources, education, and research for American organic farmers.

Take the Survey



## Upcoming Events

Stay tuned for upcoming events in 2026!



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