

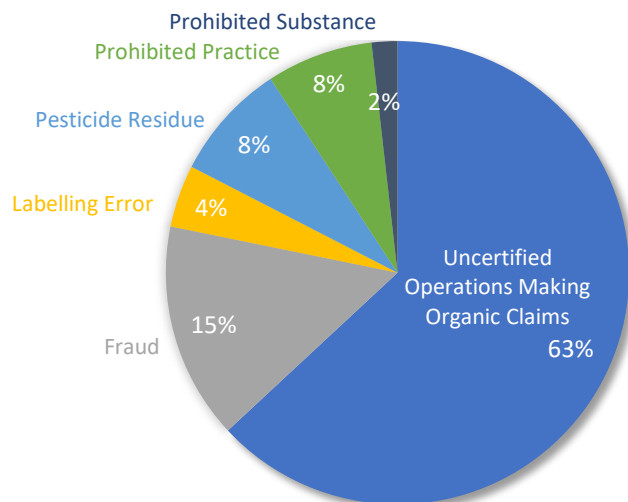


Organic Integrity Dashboard – 1/1/2021

A quarterly review of National Organic Program (NOP) enforcement activities

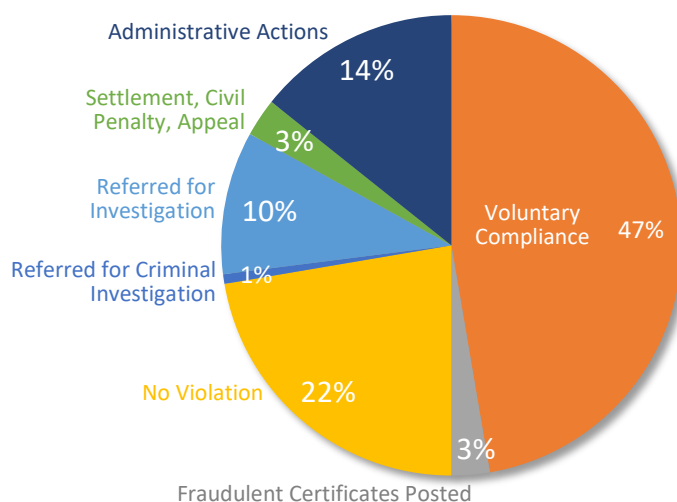
390 Cases in Progress

As of 12/31/2020



448 Closed Cases by Outcome

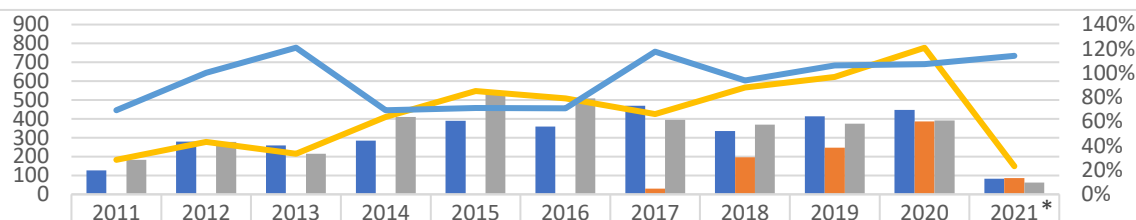
12 Months ending 12/31/2020



NOTES: Open cases are based on allegations, complaints and surveillance, and are not in themselves proof of wrongdoing. Administrative Actions are warnings/notices to businesses, often uncertified, and are critical in establishing that violators are aware of the rules, to support future enforcement action, if needed.

Investigations & Inquiries by Fiscal Year

* Fiscal year 2021 numbers as of 12/31/2020



Many Hands Guard the Door Against Fraud

When tests by staff at the California State Organic Program and Washington State Department of Agriculture indicated a prohibited substance might be mixed in a specialty fertilizer listed on the organic system plans of some organic operations in their states, they quickly coordinated to check the findings and issue a Stop Use Notice. Both states conducted repeated testing to verify the findings, which led to a quarantine of the specialty fertilizer for violating state laws on the use of Diquat and Glyphosate. The USDA National Organic Program regulations also prohibit the use of both substances under 7 CFR §205.105. Neither may be used in organic production and handling.



The states coordinated with National Organic Program staff to ensure all accredited certifiers were given notice of the quarantines, so all organic system plans could be checked and operations notified. Certifiers are working with operations that may have been impacted to remove the adulterated fertilizer from the market and ensure the integrity of organic crops.