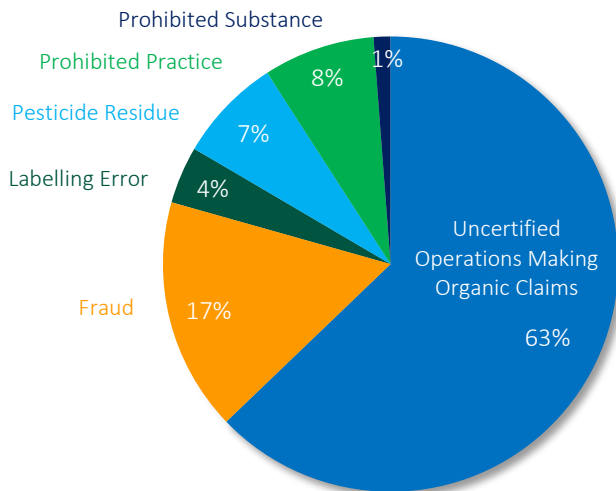




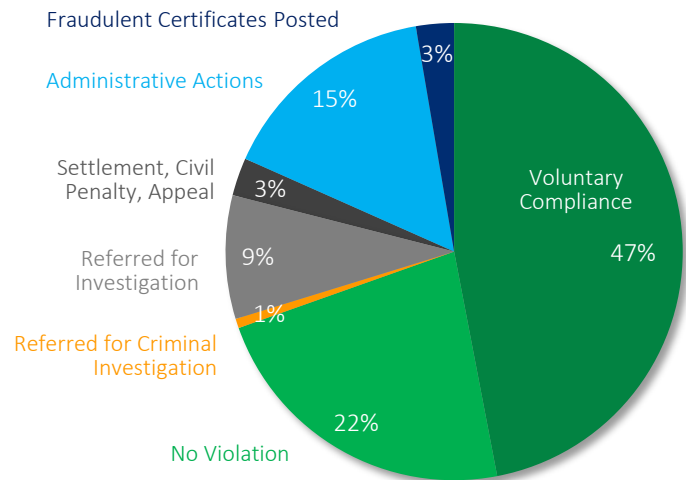
Organic Enforcement Quarterly Update

National Organic Program (NOP) Activities | Fiscal Year 2021, Third Quarter

455 Cases in Progress
As of 6/30/2021



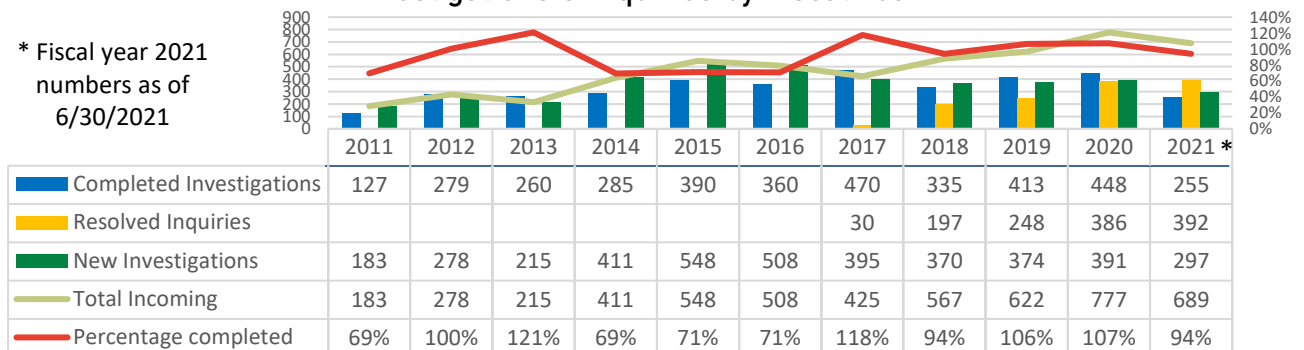
449 Closed Cases by Outcome
12 Months ending 6/30/2021



Cases in Progress 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.

Investigations & Inquiries by Fiscal Year

* Fiscal year 2021 numbers as of 6/30/2021



Risk-based oversight helps secure global supply chains

When goods are fraudulently represented as organic, it disrupts the organic market and creates a competitive disadvantage for organic operations that play by the rules. Working with U.S. Customs and Border Protection; Federal Grain Inspection Service; Animal, Plant Health Inspection Service; and Agricultural Marketing Service's labs, NOP staff developed protocols for intercepting and testing suspect imports for pesticide residue and genetically modified organisms at the border. The first test targeted several suspect shipments by an importer and yielded immediate results – the company paid a civil penalty of more than \$100,000 and they are paying for third-party testing of future shipments with results being reported directly to NOP for a prescribed period.



NOP staff sampling product at a U.S. port.

NOP continues to build resources to better monitor shipping trends and target ongoing surveillance and enforcement resources to high-risk regions, companies, and even individual shipments. The Strengthening Organic Enforcement final rule will make the use of electronic import certificates mandatory for all imports, further increasing the quality and volume of data available to aid in international surveillance and enforcement actions.

For additional details on the National Organic Program, visit www.ams.usda.gov/Organic.