

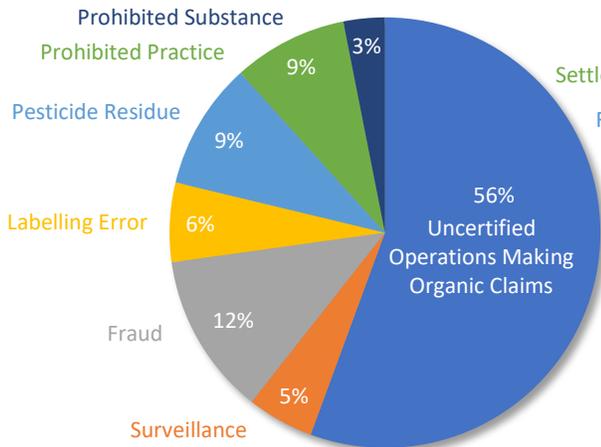


Organic Integrity Dashboard – 7/1/2020

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

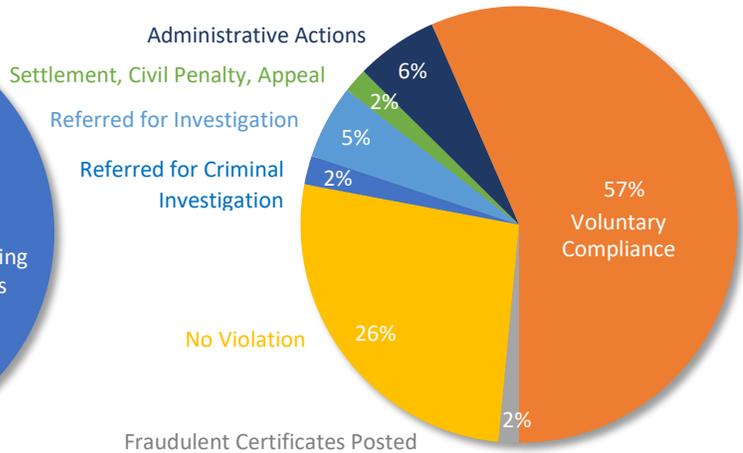
419 Cases in Progress

As of 6/30/2020



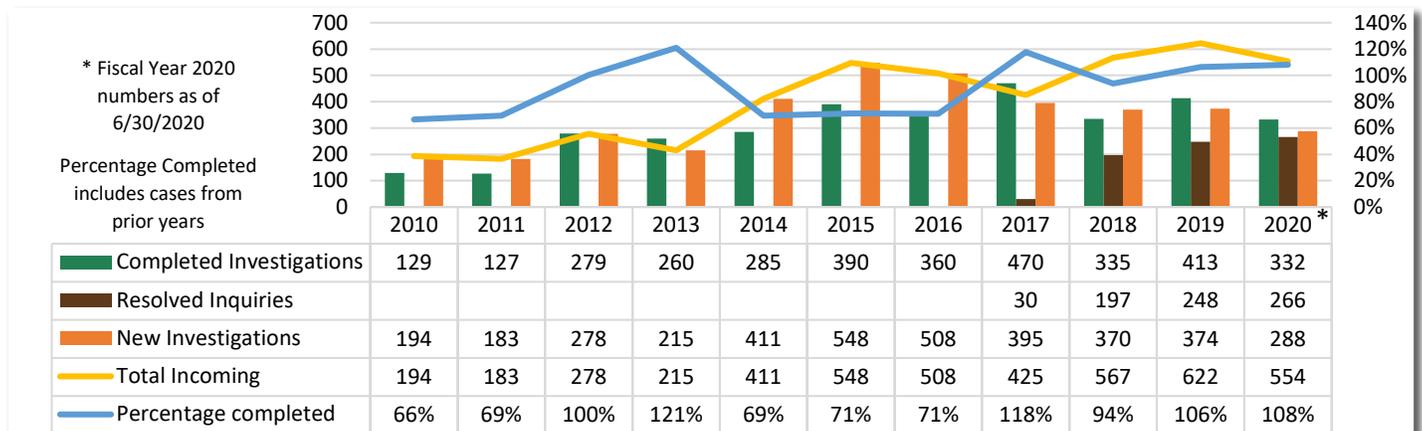
329 Closed Cases by Outcome

12 Months ending 7/1/2020



NOTES: Open cases are based on allegations, complaints and surveillance, and are not in themselves proof or 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



Organic Enforcement – Protecting the Market Through the Unexpected

Despite the unanticipated restrictions this spring and summer, NOP staff and certifiers continue delivering robust oversight and enforcement. So far this fiscal year, accredited certifiers have taken action to suspend or revoke the certification of over 430 operations found to be in violation of the regulations.

New audit protocols have enabled NOP staff to move forward safely and effectively, completing 23 accreditation audits of certifiers since March. These audits have proven to be a powerful tool for reviewing the effectiveness of the certifier’s control systems. We are also proceeding with enforcement actions resulting from earlier on-site audits and ongoing surveillance. Since June, NOP has taken action against three certifiers. One was issued a notice of suspension, another certifier entered into a settlement agreement to bring it back into full compliance quickly, and the third certifier is in the process of entering into a settlement agreement to voluntarily surrender its accreditation. The farms and businesses covered by the suspended certifier are in the process of surrendering or starting the certification process with a new certifier.

Additional funding and resources have made it possible for NOP staff to complete 34 accreditation audits in the first three quarters of fiscal year 2020, significantly ahead of the same period last year.