

NOFA-NY Organic Transition Program Application



NOFA-NY's Organic Transition Program works directly with farmers from the varied regions of the state who are interested in applying for organic certification to the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) regulations. Farmers who seek guidance in evaluating their production practices and assistance with their certification application are encouraged to apply. Participating farmers receive the following services:

- Farm visits by the Organic Transition Educator to discuss organic production practices, review certification application information and answer questions about materials or equipment
- Ongoing support from the Organic Transitions Educator via video conference, phone or email
- Technical assistance from NOFA-NY education staff who specialize in specific crops or livestock
- On-farm field days, webinars and workshops to facilitate farmer-to-farmer learning opportunities and address organic production challenges
- Collaborative mentorship from the NOFA-NY Farmer-to-Farmer Mentor Team

For additional information on the Organic Transitions Project for your region, please contact NOFA-NY at 315-988-4000 or email info@nofany.org

First Name: _____ **Last Name:** _____

Farm Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

County: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____ **Website:** _____

1. Number of years farming: _____

2. Total acres farmed (owned or rented): _____

3. Transition eligible acres (owned or rented): _____

4. Do you have or can you obtain a 3-year history of farming practices including material input and seed records for field management? Yes _____ No _____ Unsure _____

5. What is your greatest challenge to becoming certified organic? Please provide a brief summary:

6. Organic marketing strategy (ex. direct sales, wholesale, CSA, farmers market, co-op, etc.):

7. What certification scope(s) will you be applying for (ex. crop, wild crops, livestock, processing)?

8. Are you a new applicant? Yes _____ No _____

9. Are you applying for Transition Monitoring? Yes _____ No _____

IMPORTANT: Please note that products may not be sold, labeled, or represented as "100% organic," "organic," "grown organically," or "made with organic" until your organic certificate is issued.