



# Interested in Becoming an Organic Inspector?





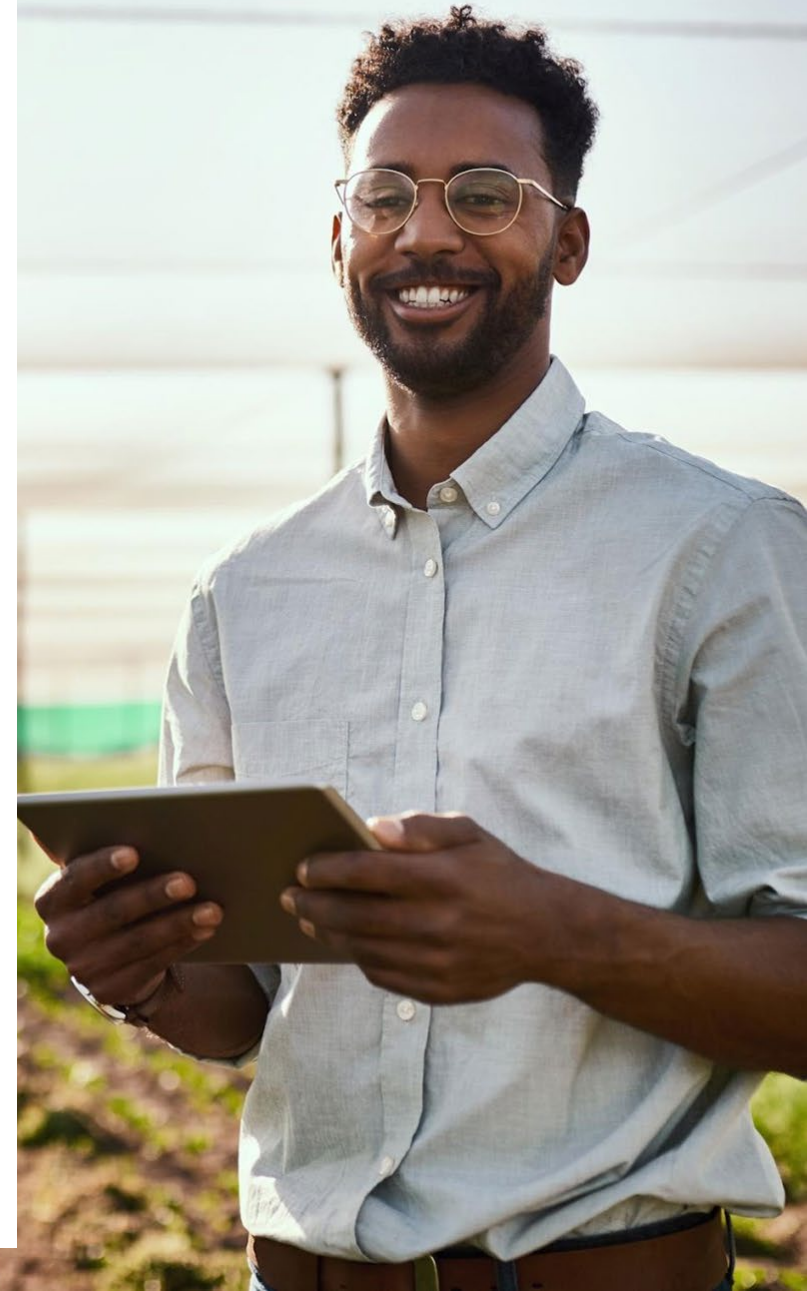
**Organic stakeholders, including certifiers and organic farms and businesses, have raised the problem of a known shortage in well-qualified organic inspectors and reviewers.**

**With the increasing size and complexity of organic supply chains, engaging in near-term and long-term efforts to develop, recruit, and retain a strong community of well-trained and well-qualified inspectors and reviewers is essential for organic integrity.**

**Jennifer Tucker, Deputy Administrator National Organic Program**

# What's Good About Being an Organic Inspector?

- **More inspectors are needed.** This is a profession in demand with quick placement upon completing requirements.
- **Salaried full time positions** range from \$45K-\$60K. Independent Contractors earn \$40-\$75/hour.
- **Support the health** of people, farms, and communities.
- **No specific college degree is required.** Draw on your life experience (i.e., 4-H, FFA, farming, related work experience, extension or on-line classes).
- **Flexible lifestyle, with paid travel expenses** – many inspectors work part time, such as during the summer when out of college, or in the off-season after their busiest farm seasons. You can determine how busy you want to be.
- **Opportunity** to learn about organic agriculture and meet organic farmers.





INSPECTION  
TRAINING

# 100-level NOP Crop Standards Webinar

October – 15 & 18, 2024  
two 3-hr. online sessions  
prerequisite for the Basic Training

## Basic Organic Crop Inspection Training

November 4 – November 8, 2024  
in-person at KSU Harold R. Benson  
Research and Demonstration Farm  
Frankfort, KY

# Cosponsored by IOIA and Kentucky State University

- Funded by USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant funds.
- IOIA's world recognized curriculum and trainers will deliver the course.
- Scholarships available to make this training accessible to a broad and diverse audience.
- Additional participants may be accepted at full cost if there are spaces available after scholarships are awarded.



## Mission Statement:

- address issues and concerns relevant to organic inspectors.
- provide quality inspector training,
- and promote integrity and consistency in the organic certification process



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