

# **SOUTH DAKOTA**

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Support the South Dakota specialty, organic, and local foods industry through joining SDSPA today for only \$30 a year.

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# ABOUT OCIA TOPP PLAINS

The Plains Transition to Organic Partnership Program (Plains TOPP) is a coalition of organizations providing technical assistance and wrap-around support for transitioning and existing organic farmers.

Plains TOPP serves operators in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, and Oklahoma.



Working with regional partners, Plains TOPP connects operators transitioning to organic with local, experienced organic operators who serve as mentors. Additionally, Plains TOPP:

- Trains and educates mentors to ensure successful partnerships with transitioning operators
- Provides technical assistance on agronomy, organic certification, extension, conservation planning, organic regulation education, and marketing
- Develops and expands current technical assistance and training programs
- Supports local workforce development
- Organizes community building and networking events to connect transitioning, newly certified, and experienced organic farmers.

**[WWW.ORGANICTRANSITION.ORG](http://WWW.ORGANICTRANSITION.ORG)**



# ORGANICS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Organic agriculture in South Dakota has seen notable growth in recent years, driven by increasing consumer demand for organic products, favorable government policies, and growing interest among farmers in sustainable practices. Organic farming in the state focuses on grains, oilseeds, legumes, hay, and livestock, supported by South Dakota's vast prairies and natural resources, which are conducive to organic farming systems.

Despite the progress, South Dakota's organic sector remains relatively small compared to neighboring states like Iowa, Montana, Nebraska, and North Dakota which dominate in organic production in terms of both the number of organic growers and the acreage of certified organic land. While South Dakota boasts substantial agricultural capacity, the percentage of organic growers and land in the state is still developing. According to USDA data\*, South Dakota has 120 certified operations. However, it continues to see growth as operators transition to organic systems and organizations like OCIA (Organic Crop Improvement Association) and TOPP (Transition to Organic Partnership Program) offer support for those making the shift.

The state's role in the national organic sector is poised to grow as more producers adopt regenerative practices, driven by economic and environmental incentives. While South Dakota may not yet be a leading state in organic farming, its potential remains significant, especially as more farmers become interested in sustainable land management and organic certification.

*Angela K. Jackson*

ORGANIC AG TRANSITION ADVISOR

\*USDA Organic Integrity Database



***South Dakota's vast grasslands and resilient farming communities offer an untapped frontier for organic production, where the opportunity to blend tradition with innovation can lead to sustainable growth, thriving ecosystems, and a future where farmers profit from stewardship of the land***

**-Angela K. Jackson.**

# WEST RIVER SD CERTIFIED OPERATIONS

**KEY**  
**X,X,X**

**CROPS, LIVESTOCK, HANDLING**

**85 crop**  
**10 livestock**  
**25 handlers**

**2 copackers**  
**1 distributor**



Source: USDA Organic Integrity Database



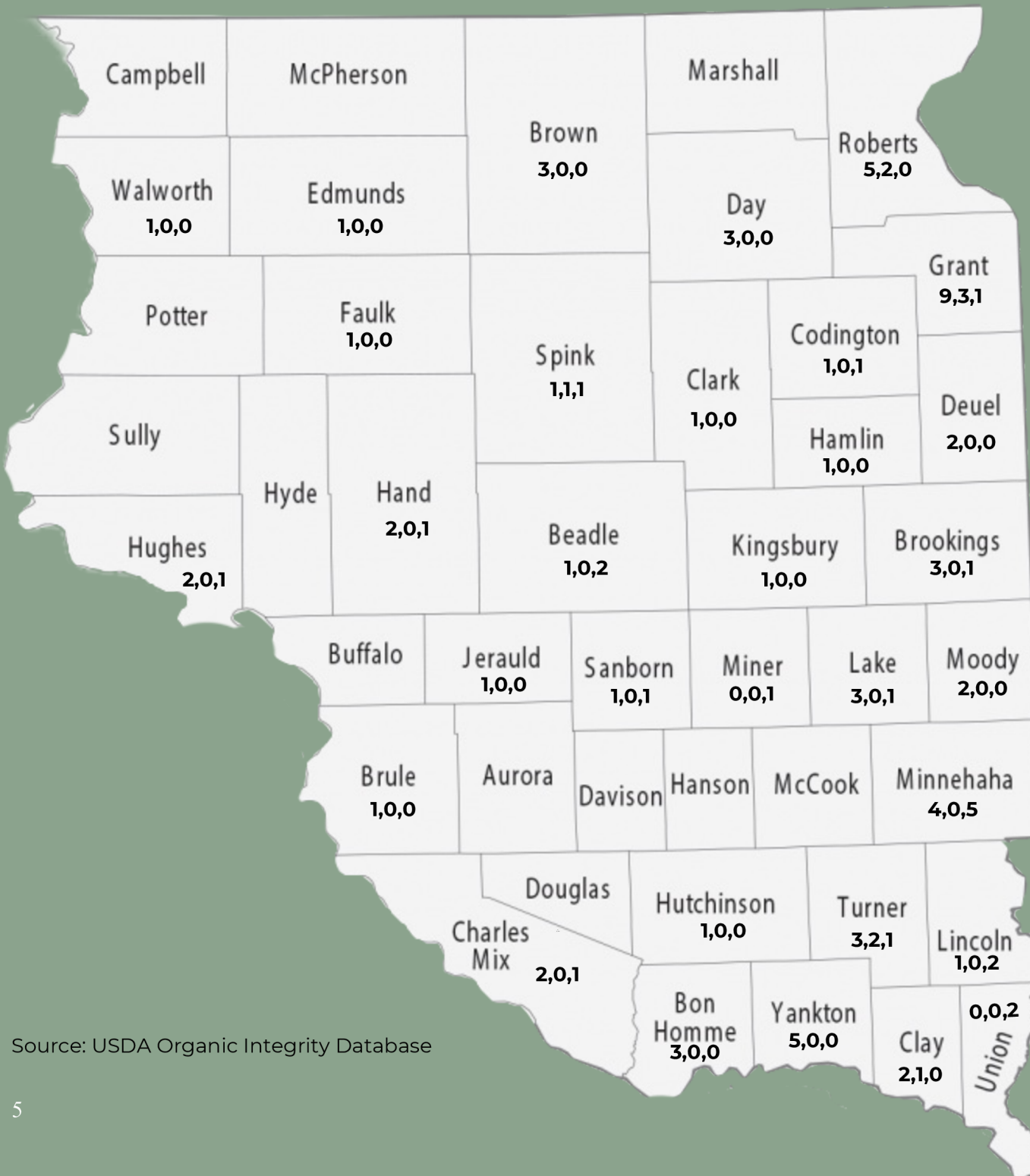
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# CROP SERVICES



## Grain Cleaners

Dakota's Best Seed  
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Platte, SD 57369  
[www.dakotasbestseed.com](http://www.dakotasbestseed.com)  
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PO Box 382  
McLaughlin, SD 57642  
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Stengel Grain  
14698 State Hwy. 15  
Milbank, SD 57252  
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605-432-6030  
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Crop Services International 1718  
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Grand Rapids, MI 49507  
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Arcadia, WI 54612  
[www.dairylandlabs.com](http://www.dairylandlabs.com)  
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Fertilab Laboratorio de  
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Nevada, IA 50201  
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515-382-5486  
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VAS Laboratory – Harris  
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Angelina Ocampo Lara  
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Reuben Ramos  
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Gloria Saldivar  
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Larry Travino  
605-651-0292

# CROP SERVICES

## **Pesticide Residue & Quality Testing Labs**

Eurofins Central Analytical Lab  
2219 Lake Shore Dr. Suite. 100  
New Orleans, LA 70122  
504-297-3400  
[ECALservice@eurofinsUS.com](mailto:ECALservice@eurofinsUS.com)

Medallion Laboratories Testing  
900 Plymouth Ave. N  
Minneapolis, MN 55427-3879  
[www.medallionlabs.com](http://www.medallionlabs.com)  
800-245-5615  
763-764-4453  
[info@medlabs.com](mailto:info@medlabs.com)

Montana State University Analytical Lab  
McCall Hall  
PO Box 173620  
Bozeman, MT 59717-3620  
[www.agr.mt.gov/Analytical-Lab](http://www.agr.mt.gov/Analytical-Lab)  
406-994-3383

MVTL Laboratories Inc.  
1126 N. Front St.  
New Ulm, MN 56073-0249  
[www.mvtl.com](http://www.mvtl.com)  
507-233-7156

Pacific Agricultural Laboratory  
21830 SW Alexander Ln.  
Sherwood, OR 97140  
503-626-7943

SGS North America  
1405 32nd Ave.  
Brookings, SD 57006  
[www.sgsgroup.us.com](http://www.sgsgroup.us.com)  
605-692-7611

SD Agricultural Laboratories  
1335 Western Ave.  
Brookings, SD 57006  
[www.sdaglabs.com](http://www.sdaglabs.com)  
605-692-7325

## **Soil Health & Land Management Consulting**

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Boone, IA  
[www.familysafeagriculture.com](http://www.familysafeagriculture.com)  
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Marion, IA 52302  
610-683-1414  
[midwest@rodaleinstitute.org](mailto:midwest@rodaleinstitute.org)

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Pierre, South Dakota  
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605-280-4190

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Judge Jessop, Coordinator  
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*Healthy soil,  
full of life and  
organic matter,  
is the  
foundation  
of an organic  
farming  
system.*

OCIA International

## **USDA AMS Resources for Farmers**

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification>

**Organic Standards**  
<https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic>

**Training for Farmers**  
<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/training>



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Wolcott, VT 5680  
[www.highmowingseeds.com](http://www.highmowingseeds.com)  
802-472-6174

Johnny's Seeds  
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Winslow, ME 04901  
[www.johnnyseeds.com](http://www.johnnyseeds.com)  
877-564-6697

Millborne Seeds  
625 N Derby Ln.  
North Sioux City, SD 57049  
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Roberts Seed Inc.  
982 22 Rd., Axtell, NE 68924  
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308-743-2565

Prairie Road Organic Seed  
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Fullerton, ND 58441  
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[info@prairieroadorganic.co](mailto:info@prairieroadorganic.co)

Prairie States Seed  
54564 877 Rd.  
Wausa, NE 68786  
[www.prairiestatesseed.com](http://www.prairiestatesseed.com)  
402-373-2514

Seed Savers Exchange  
3094 North Winn Rd.  
Decorah, IA 52101  
[www.seedsavers.org](http://www.seedsavers.org)  
563-382-5990

Territorial Seed Company  
P.O. Box 158  
Cottage Grove, OR 97424  
[www.territorialseed.com](http://www.territorialseed.com)  
541-942-3056  
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Honey Company  
17724 Hwy. 136  
Onslow, IA 52321  
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[info@welterseed.com](mailto:info@welterseed.com)

W. H. Brookhiser & Sons  
3463 169th St.  
Wever, IA 52658  
[www.brookhiser-chestnuts.business.site](http://www.brookhiser-chestnuts.business.site)  
319-372-4848



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Ag Organic  
Chicken Manure Pellets  
[www.chickenlitter.com](http://www.chickenlitter.com)  
217-725-4598  
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Ahimsa Alternative, Inc.  
15 Timberglade Rd.  
Bloomington, MN 55437  
[www.neemresource.com](http://www.neemresource.com)  
877-USE-NEEM  
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Central Iowa Organic  
Fertilizer - Worm Castings  
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Chick Magic Fertilizer  
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Farm Nutrients  
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[www.farmnutrients.com](http://www.farmnutrients.com)  
712-286-5700

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Bainbridge, PA 17502  
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800-347-1566  
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Minnetonka, MN 55305  
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800-395-4769  
[aj.groworganic@visi.com](mailto:aj.groworganic@visi.com)

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Organic Fertilizers  
Nebraska region  
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Dan Beck  
308-940-2020

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Division of Ocean Crest Seafood  
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800-259-4769  
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HyR BRIX Natural and  
Organic Fertilizer  
Delaware, OH  
[www.hyrbrix.com](http://www.hyrbrix.com)  
740-417-8012

Midwest Bio Ag-fertilizers  
10955 Blackhawk Dr.  
Blue Mounds, WI 53517  
[www.midwesternbioag.com](http://www.midwesternbioag.com)  
608-437-4994

Midwest Bio-Systems  
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Tampico, IL 61283  
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866-735-7258  
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770-361-6092  
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Yankton, SD 57078  
605-260-0784

Sustane Natural Fertilizer, Inc.  
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Cannon Falls, MN 55009  
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507-263-3003  
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802-223-6049  
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## Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI)

Develops clear information and  
guidance about materials, so  
that producers know which  
products are appropriate for  
organic operations.

[www.omri.org](http://www.omri.org)

# Livestock

*“Raising organic livestock in South Dakota nurtures not only the land but also the health of our communities”*



## Meat Processing

Hudson Meats  
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PO Box 304  
Hudson, SD 57034  
[hudsonmeats.org](http://hudsonmeats.org)  
(605) 984-2033

Sturgis Meats  
2350 Park Ave.  
Sturgis, SD 57785  
[sturgismeats.com](http://sturgismeats.com)  
605-347-2626

Featherman Equipment  
20251 State Hwy. 190  
Jamesport, MO 64648  
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## Supplements

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610-250-9280

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1-888-376-6777  
[info@crystalcreeknatural.com](mailto:info@crystalcreeknatural.com)

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Mazomanie, WI  
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[drpaulslabllc@gmail.com](mailto:drpaulslabllc@gmail.com)

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Arcadia, WI 54612  
[drsarahsessentials.com](http://drsarahsessentials.com)  
608-323-3005  
[office@DrSarahsEssentials.com](mailto:office@DrSarahsEssentials.com)

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Bainbridge, PA 17502  
[www.fertrell.com](http://www.fertrell.com)  
717-367-1566

Advanced Biological Concepts®  
Osco, IL 61274-0027  
[www.abcplus.biz](http://www.abcplus.biz)  
800-373-5971

## Feed

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515-832-2992  
[cindy@bluestemorganic.com](mailto:cindy@bluestemorganic.com)

Bushman Organic Farms  
1047 202nd Ave.  
Fort Atkinson, IA 52144  
[www.bushmanorganics.com](http://www.bushmanorganics.com)  
563-534-7300

Cashton Farm Supply  
300 State Hwy. 27  
Cashton, WI 54619  
[www.cfspecial.com](http://www.cfspecial.com)  
608-654-5123

Kalmbach Feeds  
7148 St. Hwy. 199  
Upper Sandusky, OH 43351  
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Westby, WI 54667  
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877-634-3184  
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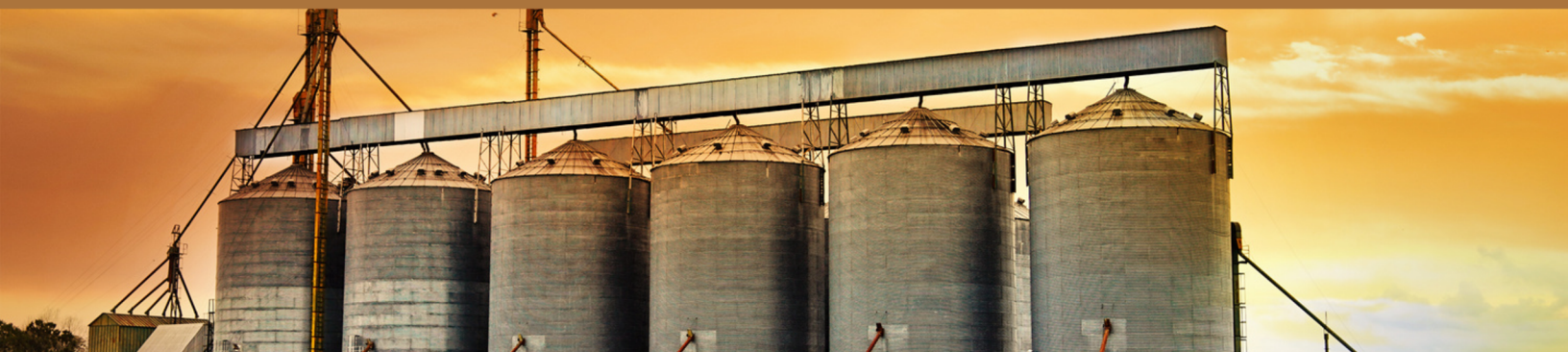
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Redmond, UT  
[shop.redmondagriculture.com](http://shop.redmondagriculture.com)  
866-735-7258

Riverside Feeds  
Riceville, IA  
[www.riversidefeeds.net](http://www.riversidefeeds.net)  
641-985-2494

Yorktown Organic Feed  
and Protein  
2445 REA Rd.  
Afton, IA 50830  
[www.yorktownorganic.com](http://www.yorktownorganic.com)  
815-438-2543  
[rkc@emypeople.net](mailto:rkc@emypeople.net)

# Organic marketing

*"the market is projected to remain robust as more buyers seek organic grains and legumes for human consumption and animal feed"*  
-Angela K. Jackson



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712-225-3500  
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Central Plains Organic Farmers  
Association, Bremen, KS  
<https://www.centralplainsorganic.com/>

Cooperative Farmers Elevator  
1219 Main St.  
Rock Valley, IA 51247  
[www.coopfe.com/](http://www.coopfe.com/)

Dakota City Organic Elevator  
1633 E Ave.  
Dakota City, NE 68731  
[www.jemeuretgrain.com](http://www.jemeuretgrain.com)

Dakota Specialty Milling, Inc.  
PO Box 46  
Fargo, ND 58107  
[dakotaspecialtymilling.com](http://dakotaspecialtymilling.com)

Domestic Seed Hulling  
PO Box 466  
Madison, SD 57042  
605-256-9611  
[buckwheat@iw.net](mailto:buckwheat@iw.net)

F.W. Cobbs  
720 Hall St.  
Stewart, MN 55385  
[www.fwcobs.com](http://www.fwcobs.com)  
888-531-4888

Grain Millers  
10400 Viking Dr. Suite 301  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344  
[www.grainmillers.com](http://www.grainmillers.com)  
1-800-328-5188

Grain Place Foods  
1904 N. Hwy. 14  
Marquette, NE 68854  
[www.grainplacefoods.com](http://www.grainplacefoods.com)  
888-714-7246

Sunrise Foods International  
[www.sunrisefoods.com](http://www.sunrisefoods.com)  
833-657-5790

Healthy Food Ingredients  
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Fargo, ND 58104  
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& Food Group  
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TRANSITION TO ORGANIC  
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

*The state's organic growers are capitalizing on market opportunities, particularly in crops like wheat, oats, soybeans, corn, and field peas*  
-Angela K. Jackson



# Farm Finances & Insurance

AgDirect  
5015 South 118th St.  
Omaha, NE 68137  
[www.agdirect.com](http://www.agdirect.com)  
888-525-9805

Farm Credit Services America  
Offices throughout SD  
[www.fcsamerica.com](http://www.fcsamerica.com)

Farm Financial Strategies  
940 Hwy. 30 West  
Lisbon, IA 52253  
[www.farmestate.com](http://www.farmestate.com)  
800-375-4180

Farm Financial Strategies  
2029 400th St.  
Osage, IA 50461  
[www.farmestate.com](http://www.farmestate.com)  
866-524-3636

Fearless Farm Finances  
[www.mosesorganic.org/fearless-farm-finances/](http://www.mosesorganic.org/fearless-farm-finances/)

Knudsen & Buseman Insurance  
500 Broadway  
Centerville, SD 57014  
[www.knudsonbusemaninsurance.com](http://www.knudsonbusemaninsurance.com)  
605-563-2887

MAD AG CAPITAL  
<https://madcapital.com>

Midwest Insurance  
[www.midins.com](http://www.midins.com)

Northbourne Organic Crop Insurance  
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Proterra Partners  
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612-257-7900

United Ag Resources  
16713 Hwy. 92  
Indianola, IA 50125  
[www.unitedagresources.com](http://www.unitedagresources.com)  
515-961-2736

USDA Farm Service Agency  
SD Organic Cost Share  
[www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

USDA NRCS EQIP Organic Transition Initiative  
Contact your local NRCS office

USDA Risk Management Agency  
Alexa Talkington, Acting Director  
P.O. Box 80114  
Billings, MT 59108  
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CCOF Certification  
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Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
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[www.ecocert.com](http://www.ecocert.com)  
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Global Organic Alliance  
PO Box 530  
Bellefontaine, OH 4331  
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Association (MCIA)  
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Saint Paul, MN 55108  
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Quality Assurance International  
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Farm Association  
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41 Croswell Rd.  
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OneCert, Inc.  
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402-420-6080  
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503-378-0690  
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Organic Certifiers Inc  
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**Organic Certification Cost Share Program (OCCSP)**  
provides cost share assistance to producers and handlers of agricultural products who are obtaining or renewing their certification under the [National Organic Program](#) (NOP). Certified operations may receive up to 75 percent of their certification costs paid during the program year, not to exceed \$750 per certification scope. Program is available for 2026 farming year. Contact your local FSA Office for more information.

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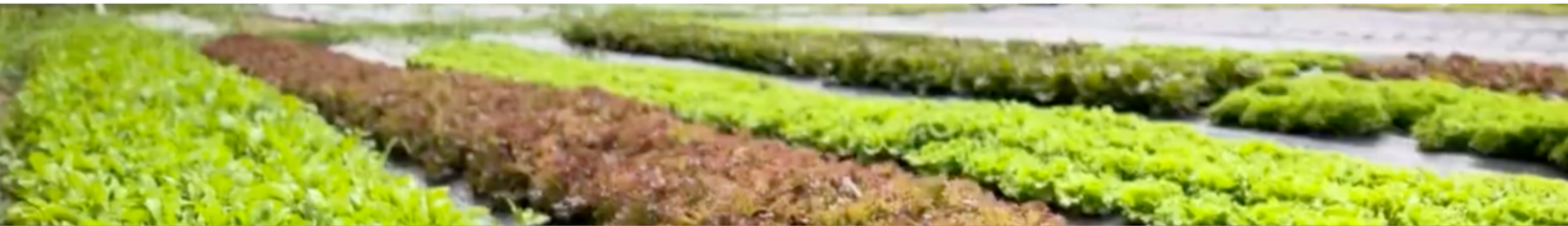
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(QCS)/Florida Certified  
Organic Growers  
& Consumers (FOG)  
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352-377-0133  
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SCG Global Services Inc  
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## SOUTH DAKOTA ORGANIC AG PRODUCTION

# Technical Assistance & Mentorships



### RODALE INSTITUTE

Is a non-profit educational organization with a field office in Marion, Iowa, that offers soil health and organic farming technical assistance for transitioning and organic farmers and conducts research to uncover and share regenerative organic farming practices that restore soil health.

Rodale is a national OCIA TOPP participant.

<https://rodaleinstitute.org>

[midwest@rodaleinstitute.org](mailto:midwest@rodaleinstitute.org)



### SOUTH DAKOTA SPECIALTY PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION (SDSPA)

SDSPA is a member based non-profit that offers more than just specialty crops. In 2023, they launched the Organic Operator Chapter to support organic and transitioning producers. In 2024, they were awarded an OCIA Transition to Organic Partnership Program contract to provide technical assistance to all types of organic operations - crop, livestock, processors & handlers.

<https://sdspecialtyproducers.org>



### ORGANIC FARMERS ASSOCIATION

The OFA mission is a member-based non-profit that provides a strong and unified voice for domestic certified organic products. Based in Iowa, they conduct policy and outreach work at the national and some state levels. They are a farmer-led movement and national policy platform.

<https://organicfarmersassociation.org>



### OCIA TRANSITION TO ORGANIC PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (TOPP)

The Plains Transition to Organic Partnership Program (Plains TOPP) is a coalition of organizations providing technical assistance and wrap-around support for transitioning and existing organic farmers in the Plains states including South Dakota

<https://ocia.org/plains-topp>

# SOUTH DAKOTA ORGANIC AG PRODUCTION

## Education & Training



### MARBLESEED

Located in LaCrosse, WI, Marbleseed supports and works with regenerative and organic farmers in the Upper Midwest to develop resources that support thriving regional food and farming systems. Get tips from Organic Specialists. Find land, equipment, or job opportunities in our classifieds. Search their Organic Resource Directory for trusted support services, factsheets, and workbooks.

<https://marbleseed.org>



### NORTHERN PLAINS AND SUSTAINABLE AG SOCIETY (NPSAS)

NPSAS is a member based non-profit that promotes sustainable and organic food systems through education, advocacy, and research. They have an annual conference in January each year that provides education and resources for transitioning and organic producers. NPSAS is also an OCIA TOPP participant.

<https://www.npsas.org>



### SOUTH DAKOTA GRASSLANDS COALITION

The coalition focuses on presenting workshops, field tours and nationally and internationally-known speakers tailored to the information needs of producers. By presenting actual case studies from South Dakota and surrounding states, and the best scientific information, producers learn how their economic bottom line will improve by improving the health of their grassland.

<https://sdgrass.org>



### ORGANIC AGRONOMY TRAINING SERVICE (OATS)

is a collaboratively-managed training program for agricultural advisors working with organic or transitioning farmers in the United States seeking to grow domestic organic production by strengthening the educational support network of agronomists, certified crop advisors, extension agents, and technical service providers.

<https://www.organicagronomy.org>







## SD SOIL HEALTH COALITION

Non-profit educational organization led by farmers and ranchers that supports the advancement of land stewardship and profitability by nurturing life from the soil up. They offer educational and technical assistance with soil health concerns for organic and transitioning producers.

<https://www.sdsoilhealthcoalition.org>



## ORGANIC FARMING RESEARCH FOUNDATION

The OFRF online training program is for beginning farmers, existing organic farmers, and farmers in transition to organic production. While it was developed for California specialty crop farmers, the content is based on foundational principles that are relevant to all organic farmers across the U.S. The online training program contains six learning modules: 1) soil health, 2) weed management, 3) irrigation and water management, 4) insect and mite pest management, 5) disease management, and 6) business management and marketing.

<https://ofrf.org/programs/education>



## UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA TRANSITIONING TO ORGANIC

University of Minnesota [Principles for Transitioning to Organic Farming](#) is designed with e-learning modules to teach principles of organic farming to conventional farmers considering transitioning and also to undergraduate students in agriculture who may be considering organic farming as an occupation. The subject matter is primarily geared to row crop farming, but many of them present general concepts that apply to any cropping system.

<https://organictransition.umn.edu/educational-modules>



## NORTH CENTRAL SARE

Find research-based, farmer-driven information about practicing sustainable agriculture on your farm. The national outreach office publishes books, bulletins, videos and other educational products for farmers, ranchers and Extension educators. They have thousands of on-farm research and education projects to learn from others' experiences including organic production.

<https://northcentral.sare.org>







## TRANSITION TO ORGANIC PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

# **SOUTH DAKOTA ORGANIC RESOURCE GUIDE**

