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Organic agriculture must be part of the climate solution

In preparation for the first 100 days of the next Administration, future climate bills, and the 2023 Farm Bill, OFRF spent much of 2020 working closely with partner organizations to align on key priorities and strategies, writing public comments and extensive blog posts, strengthening our coalitions, and developing research and policy recommendations. We are advancing our four-part policy platform to ensure that any federal level climate policy includes support for organic farmers and ranchers as critical partners in our climate change mitigation efforts.

With a new administration moving into the White House, it is more important than ever to make organic voices heard. In 2020, OFRF delivered a transition letter to the Biden-Harris Administration with a list of action steps they can take immediately to increase support of organic agriculture at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

OFRF encourages the Administration and legislators to ensure sustainable and organic farmers and ranchers have a seat at the table as climate policy discussions continue to develop. We encourage Congress to use the Agriculture Resilience Act (HR 5861) as a roadmap for comprehensive policy proposals that expand and improve existing USDA programs so agriculture can fulfill its climate mitigating potential and be part of the solution.

To enhance organic agriculture's potential to address the climate crisis, Congress needs to:

- Increase investments in organic agriculture research.
- Remove barriers and strengthen support for organic systems.
- Promote the widespread adoption of organic agriculture through technical assistance and financial incentives.
- Expand research to advance our understanding of organic farming practices that sequester carbon, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and build resilience, as well as identifying barriers to adoption.

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