

A Brief History of Biodiversity Conservation in Organic Agriculture

2005



WFA brings attention to the need for biodiversity conservation as a part of the National Organic Program (NOP) regulations, creating biodiversity guides and biodiversity inspection questions for the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).

2008

WFA creates a Biodiversity Compliance Assessment to help organic farmers include biodiversity conservation in their Organic System Plans.

2009



NOSB recommends that the NOP addresses biodiversity conservation.

2012



The NOP includes the natural resources §205.200 in several of their Accreditation Checklists.

2014



Surveys and interviews of over 50 certification staff by WFA and International Organic Inspectors Association on biodiversity conservation.

2015

NOP released a draft of the Natural Resources and Biodiversity Conservation Guidance

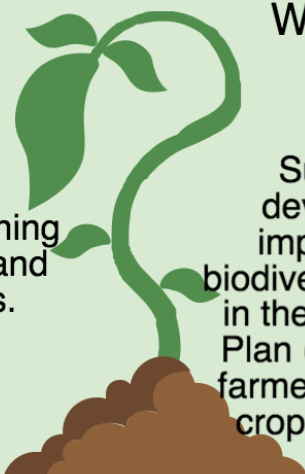
2016

NOP publishes the Guidance! WFA creates Biodiversity Continuum in the spring, and Biodiversity Conservation: An Organic Farmer's and Certifier's Guide in late summer.

Whats Next?



Provide more training for the certifiers and their inspectors.



Support the full development and implementation of biodiversity conservation in the Organic System Plan (OSP) by organic farmers, ranchers, wild crop harvesters, and handlers.



Eliminate the incentive to convert unplowed native habitat to organic crop production due to the three-year waiting period for land which has had pesticides applied.



**WILD
FARM
ALLIANCE**

To learn more go to
www.wildfarmalliance.org