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Abstract

Since the inception of the National Organic Program (NOP) by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the substantial growth of the organic food market has garnered both enthusiasm and criticism. While large food companies boast a significant reduction in the use of pesticides and synthetic fertilizers as a result of more crop land being converted to organic, small-scale organic farmers are feeling the financial pinch as they compete in a crowded market. The USDA has received much criticism for defining organic standards that appears to favor special interests, including industrial-size organic farmers. The imposed standards are highly technical, scientific, and focus on the use of substances, both synthetic and non-synthetic, may be used in production, handling, and processing. Unable to compete with the dominance of large-scale small-scale organic farmers are recognizing the USDA's narrow definition of organic as a comparison to the many meanings the movement once espoused. Local, sustainably-grown food as an alternative to industrial food production is a part of the history of the organic food movement in the U.S. from Rodale to the present is included. Major criticisms are delineated and discussed. Literature reviews and disputes is applied to these criticisms and utilized to interpret the current codification of organic on the local level. Example responses for the research are discussed. Finally, a "Consumers' Organic Food Literacy Pack" is developed from the research in an effort to promote consumer literacy of organic food. This research contributes to food citizenry and democracy.

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