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Inputs used in organic production and processing are critical to the success of the organic sector. Farmers need inputs for fertility and pest control. Livestock producers need feed supplements and health maintenance materials. Processors need minor ingredients and processing aids to bring the full diversity of farm production to the table. All allowed organic inputs need to align with organic standards and principles. Materials should be viewed by how they support the organic system. The material review process should not become too reductionist, or focused on ingredients within ingredients within ingredients, when they have no effect on the agroecosystem.

The future of organics includes -

- Farmers producing food and fiber using local natural resources for a local marketplace and remaining rooted in the locality of place.
- Agricultural systems in all scales of production that promote biodiversity, protect soil and water, and eliminate toxic inputs in production and processing.

- Organic food should be available to everyone from the cities to the countryside. We need all systems and scales of production to transform the agricultural system.

For the next Deputy Administrator, I share some points that I hope will help as he or she settles into the position:

- Spend time with organic producers and handlers. Observe audits of certifiers. Meet with the organic community often, and listen carefully to the wisdom they can provide.
- Read the Organic Foods Production Act. Read it again.
- Read the USDA organic regulations frequently and often.
- Some stakeholders use misinformation and personal attacks to push their agenda. It is critical to provide accurate, objective information in a timely manner to counter the misinformation campaigns.
- You can't solve everything. Identify the items that will have the broadest and most lasting impact.

What's next

The AMS National Organic Program will be in excellent hands under the leadership of AMS Acting Administrator Bruce Summers and Acting Deputy Administrator Jenny Tucker. The NOP has excellent auditors, compliance officers, and agricultural marketing specialists. They will continue to clarify organic standards, conduct audits of certifiers, and enforce the standards when necessary.

I'll be leading the NOP through the end of September. After that, I'll be taking some time off – spend more time with my grandkids, be outside, biking, birding and juggling. Then I'll look for other opportunities to serve the organic community from my home in Olympia. Please keep in touch – my email is [REDACTED] (b)(6). Hope to see you on an audit or out on the farm in the future.

Organically yours,



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Inputs used in organic production and processing are critical to the success of the organic sector. Farmers need inputs for fertility and pest control. Livestock producers need feed supplements and health maintenance materials. Processors need minor ingredients and processing aids to bring the full diversity of farm production to the table. All allowed organic inputs need to align with organic standards and principles. Materials should be viewed by how they support the organic system. The material review process should not become too reductionist, or focused on ingredients within ingredients within ingredients, when they have no effect on the agroecosystem.

The future of organics includes -

- Farmers producing food and fiber using local natural resources for a local marketplace and remaining rooted in the locality of place.
- Agricultural systems in all scales of production that promote biodiversity, protect soil and water, and eliminate toxic inputs in production and processing.

- Organic food should be available to everyone from the cities to the countryside. We need all systems and scales of production to transform the agricultural system.

For the next Deputy Administrator, I share some points that I hope will help as he or she settles into the position:

- Spend time with organic producers and handlers. Observe audits of certifiers. Meet with the organic community often, and listen carefully to the wisdom they can provide.
- Read the Organic Foods Production Act. Read it again.
- Read the USDA organic regulations frequently and often.
- Some stakeholders use misinformation and personal attacks to push their agenda. It is critical to provide accurate, objective information in a timely manner to counter the misinformation campaigns.
- You can't solve everything. Identify the items that will have the broadest and most lasting impact.

What's next

The AMS National Organic Program will be in excellent hands under the leadership of AMS Acting Administrator Bruce Summers and Acting Deputy Administrator Jenny Tucker. The NOP has excellent auditors, compliance officers, and agricultural marketing specialists. They will continue to clarify organic standards, conduct audits of certifiers, and enforce the standards when necessary.

I'll be leading the NOP through the end of September. After that, I'll be taking some time off – spend more time with my grandkids, be outside, biking, birding and juggling. Then I'll look for other opportunities to serve the organic community from my home in Olympia. Please keep in touch – my email is [REDACTED] (b)(6)
Hope to see you on an audit or out on the farm in the future.

Organically yours,



Miles Ventura McEvoy
Deputy Administrator
National Organic Program
Agricultural Marketing Service

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On Sep 11, 2017, at 8:04 PM, Summers, Bruce - AMS <Bruce.Summers@ams.usda.gov> wrote:

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Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 5:41 PM
To: Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC <Heidi.Green@osec.usda.gov>; Summers, Bruce - AMS <Bruce.Summers@ams.usda.gov>
Subject: RE: McEvoy to step down as NOP chief

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From: Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC
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Subject: McEvoy to step down as NOP chief

McEvoy to step down as NOP chief

By Jenny Hopkinson

09/11/2017 05:22 PM EDT

Miles McEvoy, who has led USDA's National Organic Program for the last eight years, is stepping down from the post at the end of September.

In a [letter](#) to organic groups on Monday, the Agricultural Marketing Service deputy administrator said he plans to return to his home in Olympia, Wash., to spend more time with his family, but plans to stay active in the organic community.

"I've been contemplating this move for the last few years, but now is the right time to move on," McEvoy wrote. "I'm 60 now, my grandchildren are growing, and I want to spend more time with them. I'm ready to have a less intense work-life and to spend more time biking and birding."

McEvoy oversaw USDA's organic efforts during a key time in the development of the program, now in its 17th year. The market for organic products has boomed over the past decade as the sector's products have moved from niche specialty stores to mainstream supermarkets.

He touted changes to the program under his tenure, including better communication with the industry and other interested parties; improved enforcement practices to root out those who violate the program's rules; and creation of standards that gave organic-raised animals access to pasture and that required testing to identify non-organic residue in products.

But the industry's growth produced undeniable growing pains while McEvoy was at the helm. As production increased, many U.S. farmers have been reluctant to get in on the action, forcing companies to rely on imports, some of which have been found to be fraudulent — threatening the integrity of the organic seal. And the program's funding has remained flat, even as the market and the number of players have risen steadily, which has strained enforcement efforts.

Until Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue picks McEvoy's replacement, AMS acting Administrator Bruce Summers and acting Deputy Administrator Jenny Tucker will oversee the program.

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Subject: Join NOP for a Goodbye Reception for Miles McEvoy (Wed, 9/27 - AMS Conference Room)

Sensitivity: Private

Hi Kevin – The original email I used bounced back. Please join us if you can! - Jenny

All – Please join the National Organic Program for a goodbye and thank you reception for Miles McEvoy, who is leaving AMS to return to Washington State at the end of September!

Where: AMS Conference Room (3074-S)

When: Wed, September 27; 1-3 PM

We are “crowdsourcing” snacks/refreshments! If you would like to bring something, please send a note to Jenny Tucker. Please feel free to forward this invitation to others in USDA/AMS.

From: Spencer Black
To: [Green, Heidi - OSEC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: gary.black@agr.georgia.gov
Subject: The more questions I ask about our USDA policy of organic inspections the worse it gets for ALL of US agriculture
Date: Monday, September 18, 2017 9:04:10 AM

Our farmers are being hurt by our government both organic and conventional. Our USDA is not acting like a scientific body instead it is a political body.

And let me be clear, although I would prefer our inspections not to be handled by contractors, I am not against using contractors.

Using contract inspectors in the organic sector would actually be fine, if only there was mandatory, across-the-board field testing... with no exceptions.

Instead, under the current system, only 5% of clients have to be tested annually. And determining **who** gets tested is left to the discretion of the certifying agency, an agency that only makes money if it approves its clients. There's no money in de-certifying a client due to a bad lab-test.

- There are roughly 80 certifying agencies registered with the USDA to enforce standards, and hand-out USDA organic certificates.
- They draw from a pool of about 160 contract organic-inspectors here in North America (roughly 230 worldwide).
- Meanwhile, there are **43 full-time staffers** working in the offices of the USDA's National Organic Program (NOP).
- None of these federal staffers perform any of the duties of the agencies or the inspectors; they merely oversee the agencies and inspectors.
- This means each of these Washington DC-staffers is responsible for overseeing just 2 agencies and roughly 4 inspectors.

But, in spite of this "investment," 80% of the organic food sold in America is imported from countries like Turkey, China and Mexico, 40% of it tests positive for prohibited pesticides, and we have the same domestic certified-organic acreage as we did 15 years ago!

Why are we letting our food supply to be out sourced? Look up the records 10 years ago almost 100% of this production was local!

What do these 43 staffers do, exactly?

Well... I believe they help beat-up on the conventional sector, which explains why they're pushing for stiffer organic animal welfare standards right now. Anything they can do to hurt American agriculture is seen as a means to helping the organic movement, even if most of the organic acreage is overseas.

Miles McEvoy, the head of the NOP, did the right thing by stepping down recently. I think there has been a serious dereliction of duty by this department.

Will Jenny Tucker have any interest in reforming things? Right now I have serious doubts.

America's organic sector is, sadly, destined to continue making hay at the expense of the rest of America's farming community.

I think this is a real trade issue that can be fixed immediately without having to do anything outside our borders. Forget worrying about NAFTA let's fix the USDA.

Please help,

Spencer Black

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To: [Tucker, Jennifer - AMS](#)
Subject: Accepted: Join NOP for a Goodbye Reception for Miles McEvoy (Wed, 9/27 - AMS Conference Room)
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To: [Shea, Kevin - APHIS](#)
Subject: Automatic reply: Join NOP for a Goodbye Reception for Miles McEvoy (Wed, 9/27 - AMS Conference Room)
Date: Monday, September 18, 2017 10:42:09 AM
Sensitivity: Private

Thank you for your message. I am on work-related travel for Monday-Tuesday, September 18-19. I will be monitoring email regularly. For urgent matters, please contact the NOP main office at 202-720-3252.

Jenny Tucker

From: Cummins, Jody - OSEC, Washington, DC
To: [Heitkamp, Amanda D. - OC, Washington, DC](#); [Illenberg, Mike - OC, Washington, DC](#)
Cc: [Shea, Kevin - APHIS](#); [Coale, Dana - AMS](#); [Gaston, Beth E - APHIS](#); [Richmond, William - AMS](#); [Ohagan, Christopher - AMS](#); [Masterson, Kirk - GIPSA](#); [Cooper, Bridget M - APHIS](#)
Subject: MRP Weekly Report: 9/18
Date: Monday, September 18, 2017 4:10:37 PM
Attachments: [MRP WAR 9-18-17.docx](#)

Please see weekly report attached.

Thanks,
Jody

Jody Cummins
USDA Marketing and Regulatory Programs
Room 223-W
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**WEEKLY REPORT TO SECRETARY PERDUE
MARKETING AND REGULATORY PROGRAMS
September 18 - 29**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

On September 13, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) staff held an employee engagement event on the Whitten Patio that demonstrated the work that is done within various programs. The event showcased informational booths with representatives from the different divisions and branches.

Grain Exports. As of September 7, 2017, for the 2017, fiscal year-to-date, 138.2 million metric tons (MMT) of U.S. grains were inspected and weighed for export. This represents an increase of 11.5 percent compared to 123.9 MMT inspected and weighed for the same reporting period in 2016.

PRINCIPAL SCHEDULE

On September 18-22, staff with the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee (Aderholt, R-AL) are visiting Colorado to see USDA programs and activities. The Subcommittee requested the trip. Staff with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection (APHIS) are attending.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & DELIVERABLES

Press Releases:

No items to report.

Stakeholder Announcements:

[September 20] USDA Invites Comments on a Proposed Assessment Rate Increase for Onions Grown in South Texas (AMS)

[September 22] USDA Announces Assessment Rate under the Marketing Order for Pecans Grown in Multiple States (AMS)

[September 29] USDA announces Specialty Crop Block Grants (AMS)

Headlines:

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Reports:

No items to report.

Blogs:

[Week of September 18] Wildlife Partners Unite to Protect Iconic Species from Deadly Plague

- On August 15, researchers, wildlife biologists, and managers from numerous Federal, State, and local agencies gathered with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services to celebrate a breakthrough in wildlife management—the development of an oral vaccine bait that helps protect prairie dogs against deadly sylvatic plague and help the recovery of endangered black-footed ferrets. This blog highlights the event and APHIS’ involvement in the partnership, specifically the help we provide with prairie dog disease and damage management and the manufacturing and distribution of the vaccine baits.

[Week of September 25] Protecting Your Flock during Fall Migration

- As part of the Defend the Flock (DTF) Fall Migration outreach, we are reflecting on the 2014-2015 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) outbreak and the improvements we have made over the past 2 years. This is a reminder that good biosecurity practices are a constant necessity, and will touch on the global challenge of HPAI, the Wild Bird Surveillance program, and DTF’s biosecurity reminders.

30-60 DAY LOOK AHEAD

Press Releases:

[October 2] USDA Proposes Revision to Pork Grade Standards (AMS)

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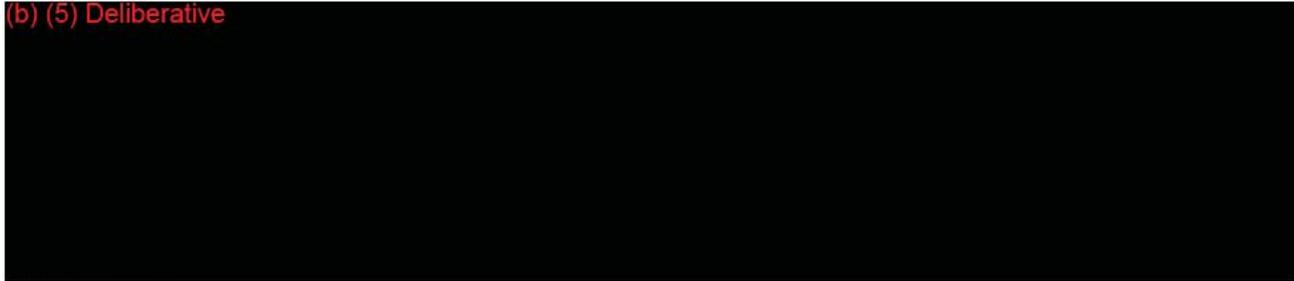
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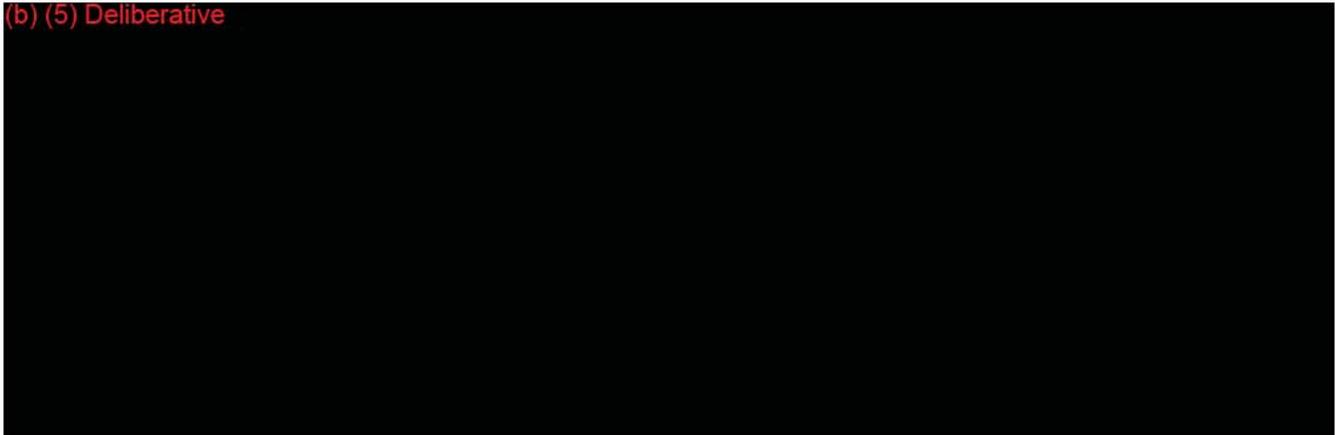
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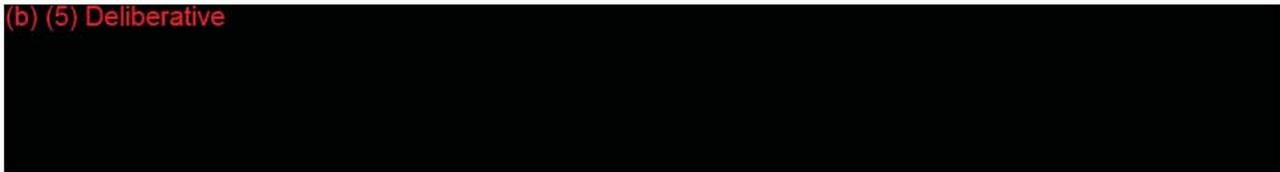
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Politico, Capital Press and many trade publications have reported on the announcement of AMS' National Organic Program Director Miles McEvoy who will retire from the department at the end of September.

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