Exploring the Benefits of Mentorship for Farmers Interested in Organic Certification



The Northwest Transition to Organic Partnership Program (NW TOPP) connects farmers interested in organic certification with certified organic mentors across the Northwest to help them navigate the transition and certification process.

The NW TOPP mentorship program has many benefits for farmers interested in organic certification. Farmers participating in the mentorship program find tremendous value in working with their mentors, including receiving technical support, gaining a wealth of information on the organic certification process, and receiving quick responses from mentors when questions arise. Working 1:1 with skilled mentors is setting the next generation of organic leaders up for success.

NW TOPP has mentors available across the Northwest who are ready to support farmers interested in organic certification.

Learn more about the NW TOPP Mentorship Program

Hear from NW TOPP Mentees on how the Mentorship Program is helping them with the organic certification process:



“Having a mentor that you can reach out to that’s available to you to answer your questions and lay out the path forward takes a lot of the fear out of the process and empowers you.” - *Anushka, NW TOPP Mentee, Idaho*

“The constant stream of information [from our mentors] is invaluable.”
- *Kieth, NW TOPP Mentee, Oregon*





"Mentorship has been helpful for getting down to the details of what’s a good fertility plan and finding allowed organic products."
-Erica, NW TOPP Mentee, Oregon

“I’ve now gained an ease and confidence from TOPP mentorship. I could send my mentor a text message with a question, like I just did the other day about applying a fungicide, and he shot me back an answer right away.” - *Perry, NW TOPP Mentee, Oregon*