

**NH Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food
 Organic Certification Program**

2019 Statistics

As an accredited certifying agent of the USDA National Organic Program, NHDAMF is responsible for verifying that national standards for organically-produced agricultural products are being met by those we certify. In doing so, NHDAMF ensures a level playing field for producers, and protects the integrity of the USDA organic seal. In 2019, NHDAMF certified a total of 120 operations, some with dual certifications (73 crop producers, 15 maple producers, 19 livestock producers and 30 processors).

During the certification process, we may discover a standard is not being met according to the Act or regulations. Consequently, certifying agents must follow specific procedures as outlined in the regulations to assist the operation with gaining compliance. The following table provides a breakdown of the number of notifications that were issued by NHDAMF in 2019.

Conditions for Continued Certification <i>Issued when there is a lack of information regarding the production practices, which do not affect the organic integrity of the product.</i>	5
Notice of Noncompliance <i>Issued when an inspection, review, or investigation of a certified operation by a certifying agent reveals any noncompliance with the Act or regulations.</i>	16
Proposed Suspension <i>Issued when rebuttal is unsuccessful or correction of the noncompliance is not completed within the prescribed time period.</i>	6
Mediation <i>Any dispute with respect to denial of certification or proposed suspension may be mediated at the request of the certified operation.</i>	2
Suspension <i>Issued when the certified operation fails to correct the noncompliance, to resolve the issue through rebuttal or mediation, or to file an appeal.</i>	4