

## **68. ORGANIC AGRICULTURE**

We support:

1. All methods of agricultural production and marketing provided they offer opportunities to all farmers who qualify or meet required standards.
2. Efforts to enhance marketing opportunities for producers of organically-grown commodities just as we support such efforts for conventionally-produced crops.
3. The requirement that all farmers, handlers, and retailers must be certified by a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)-accredited certifying agent to sell, label, or represent their products as organic.
4. The current program requirement that organic farmers be responsible for taking appropriate measures (e.g., buffer strips) to protect their crops from pollen drift or other factors affecting the integrity of their crops.
5. Enhanced auditing and enforcement of the USDA-certified organic program in line with its increasing economic importance and growth.
6. Broad availability of information on the USDA-certified organic program, certification process, and labeling requirements, as well as other unbiased information on organic products or production.