

Compliance & Enforcement/Appeals Summary

Reporting Period: FY 2015



COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT: OVERALL SUMMARY

Incoming Complaints:	549
Completed Complaints:	390

APPEALS: OVERALL SUMMARY (Refer to [NOP 4011: Adverse Action Appeal Process](#) for more information)

Number of Incoming:	36
Appeals by Disposition	
Decisions	15
Dismissals	8
Closures	4

Note: Total reflects appeals closed in FY 2015 regardless of when cases were initiated.

SUMMARY OF INITIAL ACTIONS TAKEN

Cease & Desist Orders	36
Notices of Warning	121
Investigation Referrals	64

SUMMARY OF DISPOSITIONS (All NOP)

Total Number of Settlement Agreements *	13
Total Amount Civil Penalties Levied **	\$1,872,815

Notes:

* In FY15, not all settlement agreements include civil penalties and not all civil penalties were levied via settlement agreements.

** Total reflects the amount of penalties initially levied. Amounts may change during negotiation of settlements and individual penalty payments may be outstanding.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS NOTES

1. The NOP prevailed in a formal administrative complaint proceeding to suspend land owned by operation Ernest D. Miller, d/b/a Stoney-M Farm, from organic certification for a period of three years due to the application of a prohibited substance.
2. Through a consent decision and order, the NOP suspended the accreditation of certifying agent The Organic Food Chain for two years for willful violation of the USDA organic regulations.

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