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Abstract
Since the inception of the National Organic Program (NOP) housed within the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the substantial growth of the organic food market has garnered both enthusiasm and criticism. While large farm operations and food companies boast a significant reduction in the use of pesticides and synthetic fertilizers as a result of more crop land being converted to organic production, small-scale organic farmers are feeling the financial pinch as industry takes over the once niche market. The USDA has received much criticism for defining organic to appear to favor special interests, including industrial-size organic operations, as imposed standards are highly technical, scientific, and focus on substances, both synthetic and non-synthetic, may be used in handling, and processing. Unable to compete with the dominant large-scale organic farmers are recognizing the USDA’s narrow comparison to the many meanings the movement once espoused. local, sustainably-grown food as an alternative to industrial or history of the organic food movement in the U.S. from Rodale to USDA codification is included. Major criticisms are delineated and discussed. Literature on definitional disputes is applied to these criticisms and utilized to interpret codification of organic on the local level. Example responses from Western Montana are discussed. Finally, a “Consumers’ Organic Food Literacy Packet” is developed based on the research in an effort to promote consumer literacy of organic foods that further contributes to food citizenry and democracy.

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