

Subject Organic agriculture

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Overview

This bill extends the expiring Minnesota Organic Advisory Task Force by five years, to June 30, 2024.

State law requires the Task Force to advise the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) and the University of Minnesota on policies and programs that will improve organic agriculture in Minnesota, including how available resources can most effectively be used for outreach, education, research, and technical assistance that meet the needs of the organic agriculture community.

MDA appoints task force members, who must include organic farmers, processors, wholesalers, retailers, consumers, and certification agencies as well as others.