

# Why Racial Equity Should be Centered in the Organic Movement



## Diversity is a Central Tenet of Organic

In the same way that biological diversity is foundational to the healthy agricultural systems we support, we recognize that diversity of people makes the organic movement healthier and more sustainable.



## Systemic Racism has Disenfranchised Black & Brown Farmers

Access to the organic movements and to organic certification has not been equal across racial groups: systematic racism has kept our movement from reaching its full potential. Only 3% of organic farmers identify as "Black, Indigenous, LatinX, Asian American or Pacific Islanders"



## Acknowledging Indigenous Knowledge

Black & brown farmers have been, and continue to be, foundational to every aspect of the organic movement. Our movement has historically mostly elevated the voices of white (male) farmers as pioneers/fathers of the organic movement.



## Collective Liberation

Farmer Focus Group & NORA report has showed that a lot of the challenges faced by BIPOC farmers were faced by many small-scale white farmers. Addressing these challenges would help all farmers.



## DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION TOOLS FOR ORGANIC PROFESSIONALS



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