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General Comment

Regarding Time Investment to meet organic requirements:

Organic Certifying Agents-

Review a farm or business application for certification-4 hours average from point of receival, scan, file to initial review.

Prepare and submit the annual report fo the NOP-6 hours average

Organic Inspectors-

Prepare and submit a report to a certifying agent following an on-site inspection-Usually a 1:1 ratio for time spent in the field and time spent for the report. This is an average, depending on complexity or issues, it could be less or more.