Support for Contains Organic Ingredient Certification

**Client**
Mooseberry Soap Co. LLC, (Mooseberry) is a producer of various personal care products made from natural and organic ingredients, with no preservatives, no petroleum products and no FD&C colorants or dyes. Mooseberry is committed to fair trade and sustainable practices and sources natural ingredients from New York State suppliers when possible.

**Opportunity Areas**
*NSF/ANSI 305-2012 Personal Care Products Containing Organic Ingredients* is a new standard that defines manufacturing, labeling and marketing requirements for personal care products that contain organic ingredients. Certification would position Mooseberry to compete more effectively on a local and national level with other certified organic wholesale soap companies throughout the U.S.

**Objectives**
Mooseberry requested that NYSP2I’s Sustainable Supply Chain & Technology Program provide assistance in seeking an organic designation through the NSF/ANSI 305-2012 standard for personal care products that contain organic ingredients.

**Work Performed**
NYSP2I worked with Mooseberry to determine which products have the potential for “contains organic ingredients” designation through a review of ingredient and supplier documentation, identifying five soaps that meet the criteria. NYSP2I then compared Mooseberry’s current production practices for organic soaps against the requirements of the NSF/ANSI 305 standard, identifying gaps. NYSP2I provided guidance to Mooseberry for the creation of an Organic System Plan (OSP) to close the identified gaps, which follow the requirements of the standard. This plan includes separate handling and processing procedures of all organic ingredients and soaps produced.

**Results**
Mooseberry implemented an Organic System Plan following the requirements set forth in the NSF/ANSI 305 standard. This plan includes separate handling and processing procedures of all organic ingredients used and soaps produced. With a fully implemented OSP, Mooseberry may apply for certification.