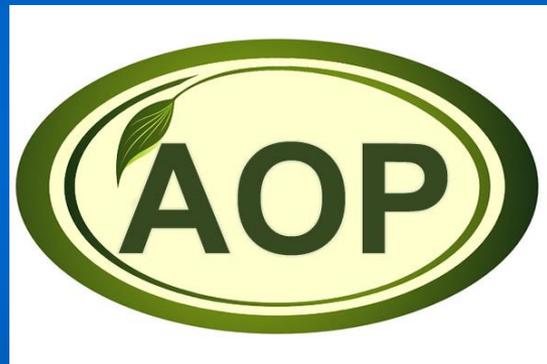


# Research Status of Geographical Indications in the United States



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# US Situation Blocks Growth for Our Products

- no GI legal category
- no GI register
- legal protection left to producers
- no government department
- no research funding

American Origin Products Association  
(AOPA)



American Origin Products  
Research Foundation  
(AOPRF)



Collective  
Certification  
Trademark



# State Groupings for American Origin Products Research Foundation



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# Key Goals:

- Recognize AOPs as GIs
- Streamline registration with EU
- Enforceable protection
- Ongoing research collaboration

*Thank you!*

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