

# **NATIONAL ORGANIC STANDARDS BOARD**

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## **NOSB VISION STATEMENT**

The NOSB's vision is an agricultural community rooted in organic principles and values that instills trust among consumers, producers, processors, retailers and other stakeholders. Consistent and sustainable organic standards guard and advance the integrity of organic products and practices.

## **NOSB STATUTORY MISSION**

"To assist in the development of standards for substances to be used in organic production and to advise the Secretary on any other aspects of the implementation of this title." (OFPA, Sec 2119 (a))

## **NOSB MISSION STATEMENT**

To provide effective and constructive advice, clarification and guidance to the Secretary of Agriculture concerning the National Organic Program (NOP), and the consensus of the organic community.

In carrying out the mission, key activities of the Board include:

- Assist in the development and maintenance of organic standards and regulations;
- Review petitioned materials for inclusion on the National List of Approved and Prohibited Substances (National List);
- Recommend changes to the National List;
- Communicate with the organic community, including conducting public meetings, soliciting and taking public comments;
- Communicate, support and coordinate with the NOP staff;
- Provide information and education on the NOP.

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