

NOSB COMMITTEE WORKPLANS

As Presented on May 8, 2002, Austin, Texas

LIVESTOCK--George Siemon, Chair

- Post dairy replacement animal recommendation on the web for comment, with a vote anticipated for the September meeting.
- Develop a checklist for poultry inspections related to issues discussed at this meeting.
- Prepare to discuss excipients in medications.
- Prioritize list of materials for review.

MATERIALS--Kim Burton, Chair

- Work on a draft document identifying ways to improve the communications when a petition is submitted to remove a material from the National List.
- Work on a recommendation to review materials already on the National List.

PROCESSING--Mark King, Chair

- Continue working on a technologies recommendation
- Forward cultures for a petition.

CROPS--Owusu Bandele, Chair

- Develop a compost practice standard from the recommendation passed at this meeting.
- Develop guidance on hydroponics.
- Develop guidance on planting stock.
- Review materials.

In response to a question from Mr. Bandele, Mr. Mathews said that the NOP would continue to keep the Board informed of issues the NOP has identified from feedback from the organic community. The NOP is also developing lists that would go on the web that would show what materials have been ruled on, and what the rulings were.

INTERNATIONAL--Willie Lockeretz, Chair

- Continue to develop "that document" [unidentified] which was distributed in a very preliminary form.
- Informally survey groups involved in international organic trade, such as IFO, OTA and USDA-accredited foreign certifiers to get their perspectives.

ACCREDITATION -- Jim Riddle, Chair

- Act as interim peer review panel to review the NOP's accreditation program.
- Review comments on grower group certification criteria and redraft for September meeting.
- Assist NOP in developing enforcement procedures, especially as they relate to States and State Organic Programs.
- Look at the need to merge ISO-65 and NOP accreditation requirements.
- Assist NOP in complaint procedures, as they relate to accredited certifiers.
- Monitor certifier issues.
- Monitor NOP and NOSB websites and provide feedback.

BOARD POLICY TASK FORCE

Mr. Riddle said the Board Policy Task Force will send the adopted Board Policy Manual to the NOP for feedback, then back to the task force, with a report to be made in September. Any changes would be voted on in October.