



**Tucson University Hotel | Tucson, Arizona | Rooms: Sabino and Pima
April 25-27, 2018**

Tentative schedule at a glance:

	Tue/Thu Apr 17 & 19	Wednesday Apr 25	Thursday Apr 26	Friday Apr 27
MORNING		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Call to Order/Welcome/Intros/Secretary's report - NOSB report - USDA, AMS, NOP update - Break - Public comments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Panel 1 - Imports - Panel 2 - Imports - Panels 1 & 2 – group discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Handling Subcommittee - Crops Subcommittee
AFTERNOON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Public comment webinar(s) <p>1 - 4pm ET</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public comments continued - Group photo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CACS - Livestock Subcommittee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Materials Subcommittee - Deferred proposals/Final votes - Work agendas/Materials update - Summary/next steps - Other business/Closing remarks

Face-to-Face Meeting Format

- The Designated Federal Officer calls the meeting to order and adjourns the meeting. The NOSB Chair presides over the meeting. The USDA and National Organic Program (NOP) provide the NOSB with updates, and an overview of petitioned substances, sunset materials, and technical reports.
- The Board hears public comments.
- NOSB members present Subcommittee proposals, reports and discussion documents, and discuss public comment, prior to voting on proposals. Final votes may be deferred to the last day of the meeting if more deliberation is needed. NOTE: Agenda items may be withdrawn or votes postponed at the discretion of the Board.
- There will be two 15-minute breaks (mid-morning & mid-afternoon) and a 90-minute lunch break mid-day. Recess and adjournment times may vary based on completion of business.

Public Comments (Written and Oral)

- All persons are encouraged to provide written comments via [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).
- All persons wishing to provide oral comments are asked to sign up in advance. Instructions are available at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/event/national-organic-standards-board-nosb-meeting-tucson-az>. There are two (2) opportunities to provide oral comments to the Board: During webinar(s) on April 17 and 19, 2018, and during the face-to-face meeting. Walk-in comment slots may become available on a first come-first served basis at the meeting, if the schedule allows.
- Each person may sign up for only one speaking slot. Commenters will be allowed a 3-minute time slot during either the webinar or at the face-to-face meeting. Each commenter must state his/her name and affiliation for the record at the beginning of their comment.



TUE/THU APR 17 & 19	1:00 - 4:00 PM ET	<p>Public comment webinar(s)</p> <p>Please see the NOSB meeting webpage for login information and instructions</p>
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WEDNESDAY APRIL 25, 2018	8:30 AM	<p>Call to Order, Agenda Overview Ruihong Guo, NOP Acting Deputy Administrator</p> <p>Introductions USDA representatives and NOSB members</p> <p>Secretary's report (acceptance of Fall 2017 Meeting Summary as official record) Scott Rice, Secretary</p>
	9:00 AM	<p>NOSB report Tom Chapman, NOSB Chairperson</p>
	9:15 AM	<p>USDA and Agricultural Marketing Service, National Organic Program Update Ruihong Guo, NOP Acting Deputy Administrator Greg Ibach, Under Secretary USDA Marketing and Regulatory Programs Jennifer Tucker, NOP Associate Deputy Administrator</p> <p>Questions and Answers with NOSB Members</p>
	10:15 AM	BREAK
	10:30 AM – 6:00 PM	Public comments
		~12:30 PM LUNCH
		~3:45 PM BREAK
	6:00 PM	RECESS



THURSDAY APRIL 26, 2018	8:30 AM (Two 10 min breaks between panels)	<p>Panel 1 - Imports (1 hour) Panelists: Albrecht Benzing (CERES GmbH), Silke Fuchshofen (Organic Insights, Inc), Jake Lewin California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF), Sam Welsch (OneCert)</p> <p>Panel 2 - Imports (1 hour) Panelists: John Bobbe (OFARM), Peter Carlson (Terra Ingredients, LLC), Mike Dill (Organically Grown Company), Erin Heitkamp (Pipeline Foods), Monique Marez (Organic Trade Association)</p> <p>Panels 1 & 2 - Group discussion (1 hour)</p>
	12:00 AM	LUNCH
	1:30 PM	<p>Compliance, Accreditation, & Certification Subcommittee (CACS) Scott Rice, Chairperson</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion document: Import oversight Proposal: Inspector qualifications Proposal: Eliminating the Incentive to Convert Native Ecosystems into Organic Crop Production proposal <p>Subcommittee discusses proposals and documents as needed Board votes if ready</p>
	4:15 PM	BREAK
	4:30 PM	<p>Livestock Subcommittee Ashley Swaffar, Chairperson</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2020 Sunset substances review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohols: ethanol, isopropanol Aspirin Biologics, vaccines Electrolytes Glycerin Phosphoric acid Lime, hydrated Mineral oil Sucrose octanoate esters Proposal: Glycolic acid - petitioned Proposal: Clarifying “emergency” for use of synthetic parasiticides in organic livestock production <p>Subcommittee discusses documents as needed Board votes if ready</p>
	6:00 PM	RECESS



FRIDAY APRIL 27, 2018

8:30 AM

Handling Subcommittee (HS)

Lisa de Lima, Chairperson

Topics:

2020 Sunset substances review:

Calcium carbonate

Flavors

Gellan gum

Oxygen

Potassium chloride

Alginates

Calcium hydroxide

Ethylene

Glycerides (mono and di)

Magnesium stearate

Phosphoric acid

Potassium carbonate

Sulfur dioxide

Xanthan gum

Fructooligosaccharides (FOS)

Gums: Arabic, Carob bean, Guar, Locust bean

Lecithin - de-oiled

Tragacanth gum

Proposal: Sodium dodecylbenzene sulfonate (SDBS) - petitioned

Proposal: Magnesium chloride reclassification 205.605(b)

Subcommittee discusses proposals and documents as needed

Board votes if ready

10:15 AM

BREAK



FRIDAY APRIL 27, 2018

10:30 AM

Crops Subcommittee
Steve Ela, Chairperson

Topics:

2020 Sunset Substances review:
 Alcohols: ethanol, isopropanol
 Sodium carbonate peroxyhydrate
 Newspaper or other recycled paper
 Plastic mulch and covers
 Aqueous potassium silicate
 Elemental sulfur
 Lime sulfur
 Sucrose octanoate esters
 Hydrated lime
 Liquid fish products
 Sulfurous acid
 Ethylene
 Microcrystalline cheesewax
 Potassium chloride
 Proposal: Polyoxin D zinc salt - petitioned
 Proposal: Sulfur (as a molluscicide) - petitioned

Subcommittee discusses proposals and documents as needed
 Board votes if ready

12:30 PM

LUNCH

2:00 PM

Materials Subcommittee
Harriet Behar, Chairperson

Topics:

Discussion Document: Protecting the Genetic Integrity of Seed Grown on Organic Land

Subcommittee discusses proposals and documents as needed
 Board votes if ready

2:45 PM

Deferred proposals/Final votes

3:00 PM

NOSB work agendas/Materials update - summary and next steps

3:15 PM

Other business and closing remarks

3:30 PM

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