

## National Organic Standards Board Spring 2025 Meeting Agenda

Virtual via Zoom. All times Eastern.

### Schedule at a Glance:

	TUE/THU Apr 22 & 24	TUESDAY Apr 29	WEDNESDAY Apr 30	THURSDAY May 1
<b>12:00 – 5:00 PM (Eastern time)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public comment webinar(s)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Call to Order</li> <li>- Agenda Overview, NOP Introductions</li> <li>- NOSB Introductions</li> <li>- Secretary’s report</li> <li>- NOSB report</li> <li>- USDA/AMS/National Organic Program Update</li> <li>- TOPP Updates</li> <li>- Policy Development Subcommittee (PDS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Handling Subcommittee (HS)</li> <li>- Crops Subcommittee (CS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Livestock Subcommittee (LS)</li> <li>- Materials Subcommittee (MS)</li> <li>- Compliance, Accreditation, &amp; Certification Subcommittee (CACS)</li> <li>- Deferred Votes</li> <li>- Work Agendas/ Materials’ Update</li> <li>- Closing Remarks</li> </ul>

### Virtual Meeting Format

- NOTE: Members of the public will be in observation mode only. Your mics will be muted, and you will not be visible on camera.
  - Please be aware that the meeting may run ahead or behind schedule.
  - The Designated Federal Officer calls the meeting to order and adjourns the meeting.
  - The NOSB Chair presides over the meeting.
  - 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 end of the meeting if more deliberation is needed.
- NOTE: Agenda items may be withdrawn, or votes postponed at the discretion of the Board.

### How to Participate: Public Comments (Written and Oral)

- **Written Comments:** The NOSB encourages people to submit written comments. Written comments can be submitted via [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) through April 28, 2025.
- **Oral Comments:** All persons wishing to provide oral comments are asked to sign up in advance by **Wednesday, April 9, 2025**. Instructions are available on the [NOSB meeting webpage](#). The NOSB will hear comments the week prior to the Board meeting.
- Each person registered to make public comments is allocated 3 minutes to allow time for as many speakers as possible. Each commenter will be asked to state their name and affiliation for the record at the beginning of their comment, and to observe guidance set forth in the [NOSB Policy and Procedures Manual \(p. 33\)](#).
- The public is welcome to listen to/watch the comment webinars. Please see the NOSB meeting webpage, or schedule below, for login instructions for each session.

TUE/THU April 22 & 24	12:00 - 5:00 PM ET (w/breaks)	<p><b>Public comment webinars</b>  <a href="#">Public comment webinars</a> Same link both days. Meeting ID: 160 711 8111</p> <p>If you need to join by phone:  +1 669 254 5252 US (San Jose)  +1 646 828 7666 US (New York)  +1 646 964 1167 US (US Spanish Line)</p>
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TUESDAY APRIL 29, 2025	Convene 12:00 PM ET	<p><b>NOSB Business Meeting</b> Same link all 3 days.  Meeting ID: 161 675 2643</p> <p>If you need to join by phone:  +1 669 254 5252 US (San Jose)  +1 646 828 7666 US (New York)  +1 646 964 1167 US (US Spanish Line)</p> <p><b>Call to Order, Agenda Preview, NOP Introductions</b>  Christopher Purdy, NOP Deputy Administrator  <b>NOSB Introductions</b>  Amy Bruch, NOSB Chairperson + NOSB members  <b>Secretary’s report (acceptance of Fall 2024 meeting summary as official record)</b>  Nate Lewis, Secretary  <b>NOSB report</b>  Amy Bruch, NOSB Chairperson; Allison Johnson, NOSB Vice Chairperson</p>
	1:00 PM	<p><b>USDA/AMS/National Organic Program Update, and NOP - NOSB Q&amp;A</b>  Christopher Purdy, AMS/NOP  <b>Topics:</b> Organic seed, risk-based oversight, residue testing, Standards Division</p>
	2:00 PM	<b>Break</b>
	2:20 PM	<b>Transition to Organic Partnership Program (TOPP) Southwest Region update</b>
	3:30 PM	<b>Break</b>
	3:50 PM	<p><b>Policy Development Subcommittee (PDS) - Nate Lewis, Chairperson</b></p> <p><b>Topics:</b>  Discussion Document: Sunset review efficiency</p>
	4:30 PM	<b>Recess</b>

<p>RECONVENE 12:00 PM Eastern</p>	<p><b>Handling Subcommittee (HS)</b> - Allison Johnson, Chairperson</p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <p>Proposal: Ethylene - annotation change          Proposal: Fish Oil CAS # technical correction          Discussion Document: L-Malic Acid reclassification          2027 Handling Sunset Reviews:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kaolin</li> <li>Sodium bicarbonate</li> <li>Waxes-nonsynthetic (wood rosin)</li> <li>Ammonium bicarbonate</li> <li>Ammonium carbonate</li> <li>Calcium phosphates (monobasic, dibasic, and tribasic)</li> <li>Low-acyl gellan gum</li> <li>Ozone</li> <li>Sodium hydroxide</li> <li>Carnauba wax</li> <li>Colors (1. Beet juice extract color, 2. Beta-carotene extract color, 3. Black/purple carrot juice color, 4. Chokeberry, aronia juice color, 5. Elderberry juice color, 6. Grape skin extract color, 7. Purple sweet potato juice color, 8. Red cabbage extract color, 9. Red radish extract color, 10. Saffron extract color)</li> <li>Cornstarch (native)</li> <li>Glycerin</li> <li>Inulin-oligofructose enriched</li> <li>Orange shellac</li> </ul>
<p>~1:30 PM</p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>
<p>1:50 PM</p>	<p><b>Handling Subcommittee (HS) continued</b></p>
<p>2:35 PM</p>	<p><b>Crops Subcommittee (CS)</b> - Logan Petrey, Chairperson</p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <p>Proposal: Pear Ester - petitioned          Proposal: Compost Production for Organic Agriculture          Discussion Document: Synthetic Compostable Polymers          2027 Crops Sunset Reviews:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potassium hypochlorite</li> <li>Soap-based algicide/demosers</li> <li>Ammonium carbonate</li> <li>Soaps, insecticidal</li> <li>Sucrose octanoate esters</li> <li>Vitamin D3</li> <li>Aquatic plant extracts</li> <li>Lignin sulfonate</li> <li>Fatty alcohols (C6, C8, C10, and/or C12)</li> <li>Sodium silicate</li> <li>EPA List 4 Inerts</li> <li>Paper</li> <li>Arsenic</li> <li>Strychnine</li> </ul>
<p>3:30 PM</p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>
<p>3:50 PM</p>	<p><b>Crops Subcommittee (CS) continued...</b></p>
<p>5:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Recess</b></p>

**THURSDAY MAY 1, 2025**

RECONVENE 12:00 PM Eastern Time	<b>Livestock Subcommittee (LS)</b> - Brian Caldwell, Chairperson  <b>Topics:</b> Proposal: Annotation change - Iodine 2026 Livestock Sunset Reviews: Butorphanol Flunixin Magnesium hydroxide Oxytocin Poloxalene Formic acid Sucrose octanoate esters EPA List 4 Inerts Excipients Strychnine
1:15 PM	<b>Break</b>
1:35 PM	<b>Materials Subcommittee (MS)</b> - Franklin Quarcoo, Chairperson  <b>Topics:</b> Discussion Document: Research Priorities 2025
1:55 PM	<b>Compliance, Accreditation, &amp; Certification Subcommittee (CACS)</b> - Amy Bruch, Chairperson  <b>Topics:</b> Proposal: Risk-based Certification Proposal: Residue Testing for a Global Supply Chain - Guidance Discussion Document: Residue Testing for a Global Supply Chain Regulation Review
3:10 PM	<b>Break</b>
3:30 PM	<b>Deferred Votes</b>
	<b>NOSB work agendas/Materials update</b>
	<b>Other business and closing remarks</b>
4:15 PM	<b>ADJOURN</b>