

**National Organic Standards Board Meeting Agenda EXTERNAL**  
**May 5 & 7, 2026 (Virtual) and May 12 - 14, 2026 (In Person)**  
**Embassy Suites by Hilton Omaha Downtown/Old Market 555 S. 10th St. Omaha, NE 68102**  
**Room: Platte/Elkhorn**

**Schedule at a Glance:**

	<b>TUE May 5 &amp; THU May 7 (Webinars)</b>	<b>TUESDAY May 12 (In person)</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY May 13 (In person)</b>	<b>THURSDAY May 14 (In person)</b>
<b>MORNING</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcome/Call to Order</li> <li>- Welcoming Remarks</li> <li>- NOP Introductions</li> <li>- Agenda Overview</li> <li>- NOSB Introductions</li> <li>- Secretary’s report</li> <li>- NOSB report</li> <li>- USDA/AMS/National Organic Program Update</li> <li>- Transition to Organic Partnership Program (TOPP) Presentations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Livestock Subcommittee (LS)</li> <li>- Expert Panel: Seed</li> <li>- Compliance, Accreditation, &amp; Certification Subcommittee (CACS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Materials Subcommittee (MS)</li> <li>- Policy Development Subcommittee (PDS)</li> <li>- Handling Subcommittee (HS)</li> </ul>
<b>AFTERNOON/ EVENING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public comment webinar(s)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public Comments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Crops Subcommittee (CS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Other Business</li> <li>- Work Agendas/ Materials’ Update</li> <li>- Closing Remarks</li> </ul>

**In-person Meeting Format**

- NOTE: The meeting will be broadcast live via Zoom. Please note time zones listed in agenda.
- The meeting may run ahead or behind schedule. Recess and adjournment times may vary based on completion of business.
- The National Organic Program (NOP) 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 NOTE: Agenda items may be withdrawn, or votes postponed at the discretion of the Board.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 Comments: The NOSB encourages people to submit written comments prior to each meeting. Written comments can be viewed on [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).
- Oral Comments: Oral commenters signed up in advance.
- 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 guidelines in the [NOSB Policy and Procedures Manual \(p. 33\)](#).
- The public is welcome to listen to the comment webinars. Please see the NOSB meeting webpage, or schedule below, for login instructions for each session.

**TUESDAY/THURSDAY MAY 5 & 7, 2026**

<b>TIME (EASTERN)</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>
<b>12:00 - 5:00 PM</b>	<p><a href="#">Public comment webinars (Zoom)</a> Same link both days. Meeting ID: 161 633 9671</p> <p>If you need to join by phone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+1 669 254 5252 US (San Jose)</li> <li>+1 646 828 7666 US (New York)</li> <li>+1 646 964 1167 US (US Spanish Line)</li> </ul>

**TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026**

<b>TIME (Central)</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<p><a href="#">Board Business Meeting (Zoom for virtual attendees)</a> Same link all 3 days. Meeting ID: 161 791 8296</p> <p>If you need to join by phone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+1 669 254 5252 US (San Jose)</li> <li>+1 646 828 7666 US (New York)</li> <li>+1 646 964 1167 US (US Spanish Line)</li> </ul> <p><b>Welcome, Call to Order, and NOP Introductions</b> Dr. Jennifer Tucker, NOP Deputy Administrator</p> <p><b>Welcoming Remarks</b> Sherry Vinton, Director, Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA)</p> <p><b>Agenda Overview, NOSB Introductions</b> Allison Johnson, NOSB Chair</p> <p><b>Secretary’s Report (acceptance of Fall 2025 meeting summary as official record)</b> Andrea Hatziyannis, NOSB Secretary</p> <p><b>NOSB Report</b> Allison Johnson, NOSB Chair</p>
<b>~9:45 AM</b>	<p><b>USDA/AMS/National Organic Program Update, and NOP - NOSB Q&amp;A</b> Dr. Jennifer Tucker, NOP Deputy Administrator and Erin Healy, NOP Standards Division Director</p>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Break (15m)</b>
<b>11:15 AM</b>	<p><b>Transition to Organic Partnership Program (TOPP) Presentation</b> Amanda Brewster, Executive Director, Organic Crop Improvement Association (OCIA)</p>
<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>Lunch (90m)</b>
<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Public Comments</b>
<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>Break (15m)</b>
<b>3:45 PM</b>	<b>Public Comments continued</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Recess</b>

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026

TIME (Central)	AGENDA ITEM
9:00 AM	<p><b>Livestock Subcommittee (LS)</b> - Nate Lewis, Chair</p> <p><b>Topics:</b> Proposal: Chlorine Materials - petitioned Verbal Update: Integrating Livestock and Agroforestry Crops 2028 Livestock Sunset Reviews: Activated charcoal Calcium borogluconate Calcium propionate Calcium hypochlorite Chlorine dioxide Hypochlorous acid - generated from electrolyzed water Sodium hypochlorite Kaolin pectin Mineral oil Nutritive supplements Propylene glycol Sodium chlorite, acidified Zinc sulfate</p>
10:30 AM	<p><b>Break (15m)</b></p>
10:45 AM	<p><b>Expert Panel: Organic Seed Use (Virtual)</b> Dr. James Myers, Professor, Oregon State University Dr. Thomas Lübberstedt, Professor, Iowa State University Dr. Julie Dawson, Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin - Madison</p>
12:45 PM	<p><b>Lunch (90m)</b></p>
2:15 PM	<p><b>Compliance, Accreditation, &amp; Certification Subcommittee (CACs)</b> - Kathryn Deschenes, Chair</p> <p><b>Topics:</b> Proposal: Residue Testing for a Global Supply Chain: Regulation Review (§205.670 and UREC definition) Proposal: eCommerce Organic Labeling Requirements - petitioned for rulemaking Verbal Update: Consistency in Organic Seed Use</p>
3:30 PM	<p><b>Crops Subcommittee (CS)</b> - Dr. Franklin Quarcoo, Chair</p> <p><b>Topics:</b> Proposal: Pear Ester - petitioned 2028 Crops Sunset Reviews: Calcium hypochlorite Chlorine dioxide Hypochlorous acid - generated from electrolyzed water Sodium hypochlorite Copper sulfate Ozone gas Peracetic acid Magnesium oxide EPA List 3 Inerts Calcium chloride Rotenone</p>

<b>TIME (Central)</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>
<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Break (15m)</b>
<b>4:15 PM</b>	<b>Crops Subcommittee (CS) - Continued</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Recess</b>

**THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026**

<b>TIME (Central)</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<p><b>Materials Subcommittee (MS)</b> - Andrea Hatziyannis, Chair</p> <p><b>Topics:</b>            Proposal: Research Priorities 2025            Verbal Update: Induced Mutagenesis</p>
<b>9:45 AM</b>	<p><b>Policy Development Subcommittee (PDS)</b> - Amanda Felder, Chair</p> <p><b>Topics:</b>            Proposal: Policy &amp; Procedures Manual (PPM) updates            Discussion Document: Sunset Review Efficiency Update</p>
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Break (15m)</b>
<b>10:45 AM</b>	<p><b>Handling Subcommittee (HS)</b> - Andrea Hatziyannis, Chair</p> <p><b>Topics:</b>            Proposal: Chitosan - petitioned            Proposal: Sodium bicarbonate classification            2028 Handling Sunset Reviews:            Agar-agar            Animal enzymes            Calcium sulfate - mined            Carrageenan            Glucono delta-lactone            Tartaric acid - made from grape wine            Cellulose            Calcium hypochlorite            Chlorine dioxide            Hypochlorous acid            Sodium hypochlorite            Potassium hydroxide            Potassium lactate            Silicon dioxide            Sodium lactate</p>
<b>12:45 PM</b>	<b>Lunch (90m)</b>
<b>2:00 PM</b>	<p><b>Other Business</b>  <b>NOSB work agendas/Materials update</b>  <b>Closing remarks</b></p>
<b>~3:00 PM</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>