

## USDA Seeks Five Nominees for the National Organic Standards Board

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) seeks nominations of qualified individuals for five open seats on the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB). The 15-member advisory board considers and makes recommendations on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances and other issues involving the production, handling and processing of USDA certified organic products.

Each member serves a five-year term and represents specific sectors of the organic community. Current openings include:

- One individual with expertise in areas of environmental protection and resource conservation.
- One individual who owns or operates an organic farming operation or an employee of such individuals.
- One individual who owns or operates a retail establishment with significant trade in organic products or an employee of such individuals.
- Two individuals who own or operate an organic handling operation or an employee of such individuals.

USDA is also accepting nominations of qualified candidates to fill future unexpected vacancies in any of the [seven categories representing the scope of the organic agricultural community](#).

Deadline for nominations is May 20, 2019.

Members attend two in-person meetings each year and participate in bi-monthly subcommittee conference calls. USDA reimburses NOSB members for approved travel and associated lodging expenses.

Nominations must include a resume and an [AD-755 application form](#). Nominations may also include an optional cover letter and letters of reference.

Nominations may be emailed to [Michelle.Arsenault@usda.gov](mailto:Michelle.Arsenault@usda.gov), at the National Organic Program or mailed to: USDA-AMS-NOP, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Room 2642-S., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250-0268. Electronic submissions are preferred.

Additional information:

- [Federal Register Notice](#)
- NOSB Recommendation on [Criteria for NOSB Membership \(pdf\)](#)
- USDA [NOSB Nominations Process](#) web page