

NOSB Practice Standards Recommendations					
Year	Date	Recommendation	Action	Status	Notes
1994	6/4/1994	Small Farmer Exemption	Rulemaking	Complete	7 CFR 205.101(a)
1994	6/4/1994	Allowance for a Split Operation	Rulemaking	Complete	
1994	6/4/1994	Requirements for Handler Certification - Handler Definitions	Rulemaking	Complete	
1994	6/4/1994	Accreditation of Organic Certification Organizations	Rulemaking	Complete	
1994	6/4/1994	Organic Handling Plan	Rulemaking	Complete	
1994	6/4/1994	Residue Testing	Rulemaking, Guidance	Complete	NOP 2610 NOP 2611, 2611-1 NOP 2613, 2613-1 Notice to Certifying Agents
1994	6/4/1994	Botanical Pesticides	Rulemaking	Complete	
1994	6/4/1994	Planting Stock Policies	Rulemaking, Guidance	Complete	NOP 5029
1994	6/4/1994	Definitions	Rulemaking	Complete	205.5
1994	6/4/1994	Importation of Organic Products	Rulemaking, Guidance	Complete	Information on International Trade, https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic/trade 205.500
1994	6/4/1994	Definitions	Rulemaking	Complete	
1994	6/4/1994	General Organic Labeling Standards	Rulemaking, Guidance	Complete	NOP 5032, 5032-1
1994	6/4/1994	Response to NOP Livestock Issue Papers #1 and #2	Rulemaking	Complete	
1994	6/4/1994	Definitions: Ingredient and Processing Aid	Rulemaking	Complete	
1994	6/4/1994	Livestock Sources	Rulemaking	Complete	
1994	6/4/1994	Livestock Feed Standard	Rulemaking	Complete	
1994	6/4/1994	Livestock Healthcare, Record-Keeping, and Transportation Practices	Rulemaking	Complete	
1994	6/4/1994	Use of Antibiotics in Livestock Production	Rulemaking	Complete	
1994	6/4/1994	Use of Parasiticides in Livestock Production	Rulemaking	Complete	
1994	6/4/1994	Pesticides and Fertilizer Drift	Rulemaking	Complete	205.670-671.
1994	10/14/1994	Changes to General Organic Labeling Standards	Rulemaking, Guidance	Complete	NOP 5032, 5032-1
1995	4/25/1995	Organic Handler Certification Phase-In	Rulemaking	Complete	
1995	4/25/1995	Good Manufacturing Practices	Rulemaking	Complete	
1995	4/25/1995	Organic Handling Plan - additions	Rulemaking	Complete	
1995	4/25/1995	Commercial Non-Availability	Rulemaking, Guidance	Complete	NOP 5029
1995	4/25/1995	Standards for Greenhouses	Rulemaking	Complete	Regulations for crop production apply to greenhouses
1995	4/25/1995	Changes to General Organic Labeling Standards - Line 85	Final Rule, Guidance	Complete	Organic Labeling Standards, Part 205, Subpart D
1995	4/25/1995	Livestock Healthcare Practices - Insertions	Final Rule	Complete	
1995	10/31/1995	Requirements for Handler Certification - Changes/Clarifications	Final Rule	Complete	
1995	10/31/1995	Incidental Food Additives	Final Rule	Complete	

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1995	10/31/1995	Changes to General Organic Labeling Standards - Line 44 & 86	Final Rule, Guidance	Complete	Organic Labeling Standards, Part 205, Subpart D
1995	10/31/1995	Methods of Oil Extraction	Rulemaking	Complete	205.270 (c)
1995	10/31/1995	Nutrient Supplementation	Final Rule	Complete	
1995	10/31/1995	Livestock Production Standards - Deletions	Final Rule	Complete	
1995	10/31/1995	Synthetic Vitamins and Minerals in Feed (TAP Review)	Final Rule	Complete	
1995	10/31/1995	Inoculants and Vaccines (TAP Review)	Final Rule	Complete	
1995	10/31/1995	Antibiotics and Parasiticides (TAP Review)	Final Rule	Complete	
1995	10/31/1995	Inoculants and Vaccines (Addendum 21)	Final Rule	Complete	
1995	10/31/1995	Antibiotics in Egg Production	Final Rule	Complete	
1995	10/31/1995	Parasiticides in Egg Production	Final Rule	Complete	
1995	10/31/1995	Addendum 13: Nutrient Supplementation	Final Rule	Complete	
1995	11/1/1995	Arsenate Treated Lumber	Final Rule	Complete	
1995	11/1/1995	Emergency Spray Exceptions	Final Rule	Complete	
1995	11/1/1995	Banana Planting Policies	Guidance	Complete	205.204, NOP 5029
1996	9/20/1996	Labeling of Clothing Made with Organic Cotton	Policy Memo	Complete	PM 11-14
1998	3/20/1998	Biotechnology Policy	Final Rule	Complete	
1998	3/20/1998	International Equivalency Recommendations	Guidance	Complete	NOP 2100
1998	3/20/1998	Livestock Standards - Reaffirmation	Final Rule	Complete	
1998	6/10/1998	Termination of Certification by Private Certifiers	Final Rule	Complete	
1998	7/23/1998	Processing Interdisciplinary Committee Proposals (1-5)	Final Rule	Complete	
1998	10/31/1998	Fumigation Proposals	Guidance or Instruction	In Process	Brokers can be exempt from certification. Compliance and Enforcement project with APHIS. Interim
1999	2/10/1999	Termination of Certification	Final Rule	Complete	
1999	2/10/1999	Criteria for Use of Synthetics in Processing	Final Rule	Complete	
1999	2/11/1999	Exceptions to Confinement Requirements	Final Rule	Complete	
1999	6/10/1999	Maintaining Organic Integrity	Final Rule	Complete	
1999	6/10/1999	Prohibition of Growth Stimulants	Final Rule	Complete	
1999	6/10/1999	Organic Aquaculture (Recommendation to Convene a National Conference)	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
1999	10/31/1999	Certification of Retailers	Final Rule	Complete	
2001	10/17/2001	Aquatic Animal Task Force Recommendations	Final Rule	Complete	NOSB recommended against certification of wild aquatic animals, and for NOSB inclusion in task force on aquaculture
2001	6/7/2001	Technical Corrections to the Final Rule	Final Rule	Complete	
2001	6/7/2001	Policy for National List Updates	Final Rule	Complete	
2001	6/7/2001	Peer Review Panel Recommendation	Final Rule	Complete	
2001	10/1/2001	Calculating Percent of Organic Ingredients	Rulemaking and Guidance	Complete	205.302, PM 11-9
2001	10/17/2001	Removing Handlers from the \$5000 exemption	Final Rule	Complete	Handlers not removed
2001	9/15/2001	Recommended Apiculture Standards	Rulemaking	In Process	Apiculture rule development in progress

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2001	10/1/2001	Subpart D Changes - Private Labeling	Guidance	In Process	Guidance update in progress. Policy Memo 11-7
2001	10/17/2001	Mushroom Practice Standard	Rulemaking	Outstanding	On NOP strategic plan.
2002	May-02	Guidance on Transitional Products	Recommendation Not Adopted	Complete	NOP determined lack of authority per OFPA.
2002	10/20/2002	Criteria for Certification of Grower Groups	Policy Memo, Guidance	Complete	PM 11-10, NOP 2005-3, NOP 2005-5
2002	5/8/2002	Clarification on Poultry Access to Outdoors	Rulemaking	In Process	Proposed Rule Org Livestock and Poultry Practices, NOP 15-06
2003	4/30/2003	Clarification of Chlorine Contact with Organic Food	Guidance	Complete	NOP 5026
2003	4/29/2003	Origin of Livestock Rule Change	Rulemaking	In Process	Proposed Rule, 04/28/2015, 80 FR 23455.
2004	4/29/2004	Commercial Availabilty 205.606		Complete	Not adopted, due to 2005 regulation change (Harvey suit) for 205.606
2005	3/2/2005	Revision of Natural Resource Sections of Recommended Organic Farm Plan	Guidance	Complete	Biodiversity Final Guidance
2005	3/18/2005	Recommendation to Standardize Organic Certification Certificate	Rulemaking, Guidance	Complete	Rulemaking, NOP 2603
2005	3/18/2005	Guidance on Proteinated and Chelated Mineral Complexes in Feed Additives	Guidance	Complete	NOP 5030
2005	3/18/2005	"Made With" products cannot contain nonorganic and organic form of same ingredient	Guidance	Complete	NOP 5032
2005	3/18/2005	Rule Change: Pasture Requirements	Rulemaking	Complete	Pasture Rule, Feb. 2010
2005	3/18/2005	Rule Change: "Stage of Production" to read "Stage of Life"	Rulemaking	Complete	Pasture Rule, Feb. 2010
2005	3/18/2005	Update Board Policy Manual with Revised Materials Review Process	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	NOSB Policy and Procedure Manual
2005	3/18/2005	National List Sunset Review Process	Recommendations Adopted	Complete	Initiation of sunset review process
2005	3/18/2005	Recommendation for Guidance - Pasture Requirements	Guidance	Complete	NOP 5017-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Notice 10-1, etc.
2005	8/17/2005	Revision to Policy and Procedures Manual	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2005	8/17/2005	Restructure National List to Follow OFPA Categories	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2005	8/17/2005	Guidance on NOP Pasture Requirements	Guidance	Complete	NOP 5017-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Notice 10-1, etc.
2005	8/17/2005	Listing of Certifying Agent's Name on Packaged Product	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2005	8/17/2005	Commercial Availability of Organic Seed	Guidance	Complete	NOP 5029
2005	8/17/2005	ANSI Audit of NOP Accreditation	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	NOP had to respond to audit
2005	8/17/2005	Modification to Organic System Plan to Address Natural Resources	Guidance	Complete	Biodiversity Guidance: NOP 5020
2005	8/17/2005	Guidance for Review of Synthetic and Nonsynthetic Substances	Guidance	Complete	Guidance on classification of materials NOP 5033
2006	5/22/2006	Commercial Availability Criteria (Handling)	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	Petition guidelines were updated

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2006	11/9/2006	Guidance on Use of Compost, Vermicompost, Processed Manure, and Compost Teas	Guidance	Complete	NOP 5021
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2006	11/10/2006	Guidance: Listing of Certifying Agent's Name on Packaged Products	Policy Memo	Complete	PM 12-2
2006	11/12/2006	Recommendation on Commercial Availability Criteria for 606 in Handling, revised	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	NOSB Policy and Procedures Manual , 2007 Petition Notice
2006	6/10/2006	Recommendation on Aquaculture Working Group Interim Final Report	Rulemaking	In Process	Aquaculture PR will address this
2006	11/11/2006	Use of Expiration Dates on Certificates of Organic Operations	Rulemaking	Complete	NOP Instruction 2603
2007	3/29/2007	Revisions to the NOSB Policies and Procedures Manual	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2007	3/29/2007	Review to the NOSB Policy and Procedures Manual - sunset review annotations	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2007	3/29/2007	NOSB New Member Guide	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2007	3/29/2007	Cloning Recommendation	Policy Memo	Complete	Policy Memo 11-11
2007	11/30/2007	Further Guidance regarding the establishment of Commercial Availability Criteria for Agricultural Ingredients	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	NOSB Policy and Procedures Manual , 2007 Petition Notice
2007	11/30/2007	Revisions to the NOSB Policies and Procedures Manual	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2007	11/30/2007	Updates to the NOSB New Member Guide	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2007	11/30/2007	Final Recommendation to Receive the Interim Final Report on Bivalves and Molluscs	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2007	11/30/2007	Guidance on Temporary Variance for Research	Instruction	Complete	NOP 2606
2007	11/30/2007	Final Recommendation on Guidance for Certification of Operations Participating in Crop Production Research	Recommendation Not Adopted	Complete	Research farms can be certified as per any other operation.
2007	3/29/2007	Final Recommendation on Aquaculture	Rulemaking	In Process	Aquaculture PR addresses this
2007	11/30/2007	Standardized Certificates	Instruction	Complete	NOP 2603
2008	5/22/2008	Farmed Aquatic Plants in Organic Agriculture	Policy Memo	Complete	PM 12-1
2008	5/22/2008	Updates to Sections I and VIII of the NOSB Policy and Procedures Manual	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2008	5/22/2008	Updates to Chapter 5 of the NOSB New Member Guide	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2008	11/19/2008	Certifying Operations with Multiple Production Units, Sites, and Facilities	Policy Memo, Guidance	Complete	PM 11-10, NOP 2005-3, NOP 2005-5
2008	11/19/2008	Procedures for Handling Technical Reviews	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	Included in the NOSB Policy and Procedures Manual (PPM)
2008	11/19/2008	PDC New Member Guide Recommendation	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2008	11/19/2008	Policy and Procedures Manual changes	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2008	11/19/2008	Commercial Availability of Organic Seeds	Rulemaking, Guidance	Complete	NOP 5029

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2008	11/19/2008	Pet Food	Rulemaking	In Process	Pet Food PR addresses this
2008	11/19/2008	Aquaculture – Net Pens and Related Issues	Rulemaking	In Process	Aquaculture PR addresses this
2008	11/19/2008	Aquaculture: Fish Feed – Fish Oil and Fish Meal & Related Issues	Rulemaking	In Process	Aquaculture PR addresses this
2009	5/6/2009	Policy & Procedures Manual Update to Section IV	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2009	5/6/2009	Policy & Procedures Manual Update to Section III	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2009	5/6/2009	Policy & Procedures Manual Priority of Petitions Update	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2009	5/6/2009	Final NMG Acronyms and E-Bulletin Board Update	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2009	7/10/2009	Further Guidance on a Peer review System	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	NOP memo to NOSB: National Organic Program Accreditation Peer Review Process (November 2014)
2009	11/5/2009	Vaccines	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	NOP response to NOSB Nov 2009 meeting recommendations
2009	11/5/2009	Policy and Procedures Manual Changes	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2009	11/5/2009	Peracetic Acid (annotation change)	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	205.601
2009	11/5/2009	Clarification of Voluntary Retail Certification		Complete	Factsheet: Do I need to be Certified Organic? http://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/Do%20I%20Need%20to%20Be%20Certified.pdf . Also: http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/need-be-certified .
2009	12/10/2009	Organic Personal Care/Cosmetics	Guidance	Complete	Policy Memo 11-2 Fact sheet (http://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/Cosmetics-Body%20Care%20Products.pdf)
2009	5/6/2009	Biodiversity Conservation	Guidance	Complete	BiodiversityGuidance: NOP 5020
2009	11/5/2009	Molluscan Shellfish (Bivalves)	Rulemaking	In Process	Aquaculture PR addresses this
2009	11/5/2009	Animal Welfare	Rulemaking	In Process	Proposed Rule Org Livestock and Poultry Practices, NOP 15-06
2009	11/5/2009	Classification of Materials	Guidance	Complete	NOP 5033 Guidance on classification of materials Dec 2016

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2010	4/29/2010	Final Recommendation on 2-Tiered Voting Approach for Materials Petitioned to the National List	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	NOSB voting procedure has been standardized.
2010	4/29/2010	Guidelines for the use of Inert Atmospheric Gases	Recommendation Not Adopted	Complete	NOP response to NOSB April 2010 meeting recommendations
2010	10/28/2010	NOSB New Member Guide Update	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2010	10/28/2010	Sunset Review Process	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	PPM addition
2010	10/28/2010	NOSB/NOP Collaboration Process	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	PPM addition
2010	10/28/2010	Establishing Ad Hoc Committees	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	PPM addition
2010	10/28/2010	Engineered Nanomaterials in Organic Production, Processing and Packaging	Policy Memo	Complete	PM 15-2
2010	10/28/2010	Clarification of 205.238(c)(2)	Recommendation Not Adopted	Complete	NOP response to NOSB Oct 2010 meeting recommendations.
2010	10/28/2010	Clarifying the Limitations of 205.101	Guidance	Complete	NOP 5031
2010	4/29/2010	Production Standards for Terrestrial Plants in Containers and Enclosures (Greenhouses)	Rulemaking	In Process	Fall 2017 NOSB discussion document
2010	4/29/2010	Clarification of 205.238(c)(1)	Rulemaking	In Process	Add clarifying sentence on 205.238(c)(1) regarding milk from animals undergoing treatment. Included in proposed rule OLPP (welfare) NOP 15-06
2010	5/24/2010	Classification of Materials	Guidance	Complete	Addition to 11/5/2009 Classification of Materials recommendation. Guidance on classification of materials NOP 5033
2010	10/28/2010	Apiculture	Rulemaking	In Process	Apiculture rule development in progress
2011	4/29/2011	NOSB Vice Chair and Policy Development Committee Job Descriptions	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2011	4/29/2011	PPM Section V: Procedures for Completing Committee Recommendations	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2011	12/2/2011	NOSB Member and Leadership Transition	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2011	12/2/2011	NOSB Committee Transparency	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2011	12/2/2011	NOSB Administrative Team	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2011	12/2/2011	Unannounced Inspections-Guidance	Instruction	Complete	NOP 2609
2011	12/2/2011	Evaluation of Material Review Organizations-Guidance	Guidance	Complete	PM 11-4 was updated, and a memo acknowledging CDFA as MRO was published 12-14-15.
2011	4/29/2011	Classification of Materials	Guidance	Complete	Guidance on classification of materials NOP 5033
2011	12/2/2011	Animal Welfare and Stocking Rates	Rulemaking	In Process	Proposed Rule Org Livestock and Poultry Practices, NOP 15-06
2011	12/2/2011	Animal Handling and Transport to Slaughter	Rulemaking	In Process	Proposed Rule Org Livestock and Poultry Practices, NOP 15-06
2011	12/2/2011	Inspector Qualifications-Guidance	Guidance	In Process	Partially addressed by NOP 2027, revised March 2016
2012	5/23/2012	Materials Committee—(Research Priorities)	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	See response to NOSB after each meeting; NOP has sent letters to ARS and NIFA.
2012	5/25/2012	GMO Vaccine information request	Recommendation Not Adopted	Complete	NOP established a working group which provided information to NOSB.

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2012	10/16/2012	Research Priorities	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2012	10/16/2012	Policy and Procedure on reviewing other "Inert" Ingredients in Pesticide Formulations	Rulemaking	Complete	NOP has initiated an Inerts Working Group to address this issue. This recommendation superseded by 10/2015 recommendation to change National List for inerts.
2012	10/17/2012	PPM Section V: Procedures for Completing Committee Recommendations	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	PPM addition
2012	5/22/2012	Evaluation of Materials Review Organizations	Guidance	Complete	NOP 5033 (Classification of Material) and NOP 5034 (Materials for Organic Production) provides guidance on materials review
2013	4/10/2013	New Member Guide updates	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2013	4/10/2013	Public Communications with the NOSB	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	Comment docket will open early before each NOSB meeting.
2013	4/11/2013	Ancillary Substances Review (Other Ingredients)	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	NOP response to NOSB April 2013 meeting recommendations
2013	4/11/2013	Calculating Percentage Organic in Multi-Ingredient Products	Guidance	In Process	NOP draft Guidance 5037
2014	5/2/2014	2013 Research Priorities (delayed due to govt shutdown in Fall 2013)	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	NOP response to NOSB April 2013 meeting recommendations
2014	5/2/2014	Confidential Business Information in Petitions	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	Revised petition notice 3-10-2016, NOP 3011
2014	5/2/2014	Update of the Petition and Technical Review Process	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	Revised petition notice 3-10-2016, NOP 3011
2014	5/2/2014	Retail Compliance and Certification	Guidance	Outstanding	Asks for clarification of requirements for excluded and exempt operations.
2014	10/30/2014	Livestock Vaccines Made With Excluded Methods	Guidance	Complete	NOP response to NOSB October 2014 meeting recommendations; NOP suggested they be reviewed on petition basis.
2014	10/30/2014	2014 Research Priorities	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	NOP response to NOSB April 2014 meeting recommendations
2015	4/30/2015	NOP Accreditation Peer Review Process	Quality Manual	Complete	NOP Guidance 1031
2015	10/29/2015	Research Priorities	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	Shared with USDA's Organic Working Group and ARS program leaders
2015	10/29/2015	Prevention Strategy Guidance for Excluded Methods	Guidance	Outstanding	

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2016	4/27/2016	Policy and Procedures Manual Revision	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	
2016	11/18/2016	Policy and Procedures Manual Revision	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	Updates incorporated and posted on AMS website
2016	11/18/2016	Research Priorities	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	Shared with USDA's Ag Research Services program leaders
2016	11/18/2016	Sunset efficient workload reorganization	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	Implemented in Fall 2016
2016	11/18/2016	Excluded Methods Terminology		In Process	
2016	11/18/2016	Report to the Secretary on progress to prevent GMO incursion into organic	Recommendation Adopted	Complete	Forwarded to the Secretary's office.
2016	11/18/2016	NOSB resolution on hydroponics	Resolution Acknowledged	Complete	
2017	4/21/2017	NOSB resolution on implementation of Organic Livestock and Poultry Practices (OLPP)	Resolution Acknowledged	Complete	
2017	11/2/2017	Excluded operations in the supply chain (uncertified handlers)		Outstanding	
2017	11/2/2017	Aeroponics production systems prohibited from organic certification		Outstanding	
2017	11/2/2017	Excluded Methods Terminology		Outstanding	
2017	11/2/2017	Research Priorities		Outstanding	Will be shared with USDA's Ag Research Services program leaders
			Total Recommendations	Total Complete	Percent Fulfilled
			189	162	86%
				Total In Process	
				20	
				Total Outstanding	
				7	