Effective Enforcement Starts with Strong Standards

Maintaining a fair and competitive market for all starts with sound and sensible regulations. The 15 volunteer members who serve on USDA’s National Organic Standards Board (Board) review and recommend changes to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances and consider a wide range of other issues important to organic farmers, businesses, and consumers. Congress set up the Board to represent every part of the organic community. Each member is appointed to represent the interests of a specific area of the community, including producers, handlers/processors, certifiers, retailers, consumers/public interest advocates, environmentalists/resource conservationists, and scientists.

NOP needs your help each year to ensure there are well qualified candidates for each member seat. This year, we are seeking nominations for four seats that become open in January 2022. Learn more about the Board and our work to include voices from historically underserved communities involved in organic agriculture in the recent Call for Nominations announcement.

Deadline for nominations: June 1, 2021.

For additional details on the National Organic Program visit www.ams.usda.gov/Organic.