

USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) National Organic Program

Update for the Spring 2021 National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) Meeting

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**Strong Organic
Control Systems**

**Trusted People,
Processes, and Tools**

2

**Robust
Enforcement**

**Consistent and Fair
Market for All**

3

**Develop
Standards**

**Open, Transparent,
Collaborative Processes**

4

**Engage Partners
and Stakeholders**

**Advance Initiatives &
Clarify Requirements**

Rules in Progress

Strengthening Organic Enforcement

Origin of Livestock

National List Rules
(Including Inerts)

Rulemaking Projects Are Most Successful When They....

- Align with the Organic Foods Production Act
- Address needs with the most cross-community support
- Will resolve known market inconsistencies
- When the economic benefits are clear

Effective Ways to Communicate in Writing

- Organization letters that reflect membership consensus
- Sign-on letters that explain impact and provide concrete data
- Letters that substantiate cross-sector support
- Be clear, honest about the “As Is” and why “To Be” is important
- Think through who can act!

What Happens?

- Assigned through “Controlled Correspondence”
- Many hands across USDA review
- Gets priorities and differing perspectives on radar

Call for Nominations: Deadline is June 1!

- Individual who owns or operates an organic farming operation (or employee of)
- Individual with expertise in areas of environmental protection and resource conservation
- Individual who represents public interest or consumer interest groups
- Individual with expertise in the fields of toxicology, ecology, or biochemistry

**Zoom/Coffee with
Board Members:
May 4, 2021
3 PM Eastern**

Funding Opportunity: Human Capital



- **Call for Proposals:**
Coming Start of May 2021
- Lists multiple candidate projects that could be funded
- Project team must be led by non-profit
- We encourage teaming, focus on equity and diversity

National Organic Standards Board (NOSB)

Certifiers, ACA & IOIA

National Organic Program

Industry/Community Groups