



**Tucson University Hotel | Tucson, Arizona | Rooms: Sabino and Pima
April 25-27, 2018**

Tentative schedule at a glance:

	Tue/Thu Apr 17 & 19	Wednesday Apr 25	Thursday Apr 26	Friday Apr 27
MORNING		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Call to Order/Welcome/ Intros/Secretary's report - NOSB report - USDA, AMS, NOP update - Break - Public comments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Panel 1 - Imports - Panel 2 - Imports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Handling Subcommittee - Crops Subcommittee
AFTERNOON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Public comment webinar(s) <p>1 – 4pm ET</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public comments continued 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CACS - Materials update - Livestock Subcommittee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Materials Subcommittee - Deferred proposals/Final votes - Work agendas – Summary/next steps - Recognition of incoming member(s) - Other business/Closing remarks - Group photo

Face-to-Face Meeting Format

- The Designated Federal Officer calls the meeting to order and adjourns the meeting. The NOSB Chair presides over the meeting. The USDA and National Organic Program (NOP) provide the NOSB with updates, and an overview of petitioned substances, sunset materials, and technical reports.
- The Board hears public comments.
- 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 last day of the meeting if more deliberation is needed. NOTE: Agenda items may be withdrawn or votes postponed at the discretion of the Board.
- There will be two 15-minute breaks (mid-morning & mid-afternoon) and a 90-minute lunch break mid-day. Recess and adjournment times may vary based on completion of business.

Public Comments (Written and Oral)

- All persons are encouraged to provide written comments via [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).
- All persons wishing to provide oral comments are asked to sign up in advance. Instructions are available at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/event/national-organic-standards-board-nosb-meeting-tucson-az>. There are two (2) opportunities to provide oral comments to the Board: During webinar(s) on April 17 and 19, 2018, and during the face-to-face meeting. Walk-in comment slots may become available on a first come-first served basis at the meeting, if the schedule allows.
- Each person may sign up for only one speaking slot. Commenters will be allowed a 3-minute time slot during either the webinar or at the face-to-face meeting. Each commenter must state his/her name and affiliation for the record at the beginning of their comment.



TUE/THU APR 17 & 19	1:00 - 4:00 PM ET	<p>Public comment webinar(s)</p> <p>Please see the NOSB meeting webpage for login information and instructions</p>
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WEDNESDAY APRIL 25, 2018	8:30 AM	<p>Call to Order, Agenda Overview USDA AMS National Organic Program (NOP)</p> <p>Introductions NOSB members and USDA representatives</p> <p>Secretary's report (acceptance of Fall 2018 Meeting Summary as official record) Scott Rice, Secretary</p>
	9:00 AM	<p>NOSB report Tom Chapman, NOSB Chairperson</p>
	9:15 AM	USDA, Agricultural Marketing Service, National Organic Program Update
	10:15 AM	BREAK
	10:30 AM – 6:00 PM	Public comments
		~12:30 PM LUNCH
		~3:45 PM BREAK
	6:00 PM	RECESS



THURSDAY APRIL 26, 2018	8:30 AM	Panel 1 - Imports Panelists: TBD
	10:00 AM	BREAK
	10:15 AM	Panel 2 - Imports Panelists: TBD
	11:30 AM	LUNCH
	1:00 PM	Compliance, Accreditation, & Certification Subcommittee (CACS) Scott Rice, Chairperson Topics: Discussion document: Import oversight Proposal: Inspector qualifications Proposal: Eliminating the Incentive to Convert Native Ecosystems into Organic Crop Production proposal Subcommittee discusses proposals and documents as needed Board votes if ready
	4:00 PM	BREAK
	4:15 PM	National Organic Program - Materials update/Summary of new and outstanding petitions NOP Standards Division Livestock Subcommittee Ashley Swaffar, Chairperson Topics: 2020 Sunset substances review: Alcohols: ethanol, isopropanol Aspirin Biologics, vaccines Electrolytes Glycerin Phosphoric acid Lime, hydrated Mineral oil Sucrose octanoate esters Proposal: Glycolic acid - petitioned Proposal: Clarifying "emergency" for use of synthetic parasiticides in organic livestock production Subcommittee discusses documents as needed Board votes if ready
	6:00 PM	RECESS



FRIDAY APRIL 27, 2018

8:30 AM

Handling Subcommittee (HS)

Lisa de Lima, Chairperson

Topics:

2020 Sunset substances review:

Calcium carbonate

Flavors

Gellan gum

Oxygen

Potassium chloride

Alginates

Calcium hydroxide

Ethylene

Glycerides (mono and di)

Magnesium stearate

Phosphoric acid

Potassium carbonate

Sulfur dioxide

Xanthan gum

Fructooligosaccharides (FOS)

Gums: Arabic, Carob bean, Guar, Locust bean

Lecithin - de-oiled

Tragacanth gum

Proposal: Sodium dodecylbenzene sulfonate (SDBS) - petitioned

Proposal: Magnesium chloride reclassification 205.605(b)

Subcommittee discusses proposals and documents as needed

Board votes if ready

10:15 AM

BREAK



IDAY APRIL 27, 2018

10:30 AM	<p>Crops Subcommittee Steve Ela, Chairperson</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2020 Sunset Substances review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohols: ethanol, isopropanol Sodium carbonate peroxyhydrate Newspaper or other recycled paper Plastic mulch and covers Aqueous potassium silicate Elemental sulfur Lime sulfur Sucrose octanoate esters Hydrated lime Liquid fish products Sulfurous acid Ethylene Microcrystalline cheesewax Potassium chloride Proposal: Polyoxin D zinc salt - petitioned Proposal: Sulfur (as a molluscicide) - petitioned <p>Subcommittee discusses proposals and documents as needed Board votes if ready</p>
12:30 PM	LUNCH
2:00 PM	<p>Materials Subcommittee Harriet Behar, Chairperson</p> <p>Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion Document: Protecting the Genetic Integrity of Seed Grown on Organic Land <p>Subcommittee discusses proposals and documents as needed; Board votes if ready</p>
2:45 PM	Deferred proposals/Final votes
3:00 PM	NOSB work agendas - summary and next steps
3:15 PM	Presentation of certificate of appointment to incoming member(s) (If appointed)
3:30 PM	Other business and closing remarks
3:45 PM	ADJOURN
	GROUP PHOTO