



## **Agricultural Marketing Service**

**[Doc. No. AMS-NOP-20-0089; NOP-20-06]**

### **Meeting of the National Organic Standards Board**

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), is announcing a meeting of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB). Among other things, NOSB assists USDA in the development of standards for substances to be used in organic production and advises the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) on other aspects of the implementation of the Organic Foods Production Act.

**DATES:** NOSB will meet virtually April 28 through April 30, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) each day. NOSB will hear oral public comments via webinars prior to the meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, and Thursday, April 22, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m. ET. The deadline to submit written comments and/or sign up for oral comment is 11:59 p.m. ET, April 5, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** The NOSB meeting and the webinars are virtual and can be accessed via the internet and/or phone. Access information will be available on the AMS website. Detailed information pertaining to the webinars and public meeting can be found at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/event/national-organic-standards-board-nosb-meeting-crystal-city-va-0>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Michelle Arsenault, Advisory Committee Specialist, National Organic Standards Board, USDA-AMS-

NOP, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 2642-S, STOP 0268, Washington, DC 20250-0268; Phone: (202) 997-0115; Email: nosb@usda.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 and 7 USC 6518(e), as amended, AMS is announcing a meeting of the NOSB. NOSB makes recommendations to USDA about whether substances should be allowed or prohibited in organic production and/or handling, assists in the development of standards for organic production, and advises the Secretary on other aspects of the implementation of the Organic Foods Production Act, 7 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.* NOSB is holding a public meeting to discuss and vote on proposed recommendations to USDA, to obtain updates from the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) on issues pertaining to organic agriculture, and to receive comments from the organic community. The meeting is open to the public. Registration is only required to sign up for oral comments. All meeting documents and instructions for participating will be available on the AMS website at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/event/national-organic-standards-board-nosb-meeting-crystal-city-va-0>. Please check the website periodically for updates. Meeting topics will encompass a wide range of issues, including substances petitioned for addition to or removal from the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (National List), substances on the National List that are under sunset review, and guidance on organic policies.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Comments should address specific topics noted on the meeting agenda.

**Written comments:** Written public comments will be accepted on or before 11:59 p.m. ET on April 5, 2021, via <http://www.regulations.gov> (Docket No. AMS-NOP-20-0089). Comments submitted after this date will be added to the public comment docket, but Board members may not have adequate time to

consider those comments prior to making recommendations. NOP strongly prefers comments be submitted electronically. However, written comments may also be submitted (i.e. postmarked) via mail to the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT by or before the deadline.

**Oral Comments:** NOSB will hear oral public comments via webinars on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, and Thursday, April 22, 2021, from 12:00 p.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m. ET. Each commenter wishing to address the Board must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. ET on April 5, 2021, and can register for only one speaking slot. Instructions for registering and participating in the webinars can be found at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/event/national-organic-standards-board-nosb-meeting-crystal-city-va-0>.

**Meeting Accommodations:**

The meeting is being held virtually. If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpretation, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodation to the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

Determinations for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Dated: February 3, 2021.

**Cikena Reid,**

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