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Semiannual Regulatory Agenda, Spring 2025

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, USDA.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: This agenda provides summary descriptions of significant and not significant regulations being developed in agencies of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in conformance with Executive Orders (E.O.) 12866, “Regulatory Planning and Review,” 13563, “Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review,” 14192, “Unleashing Prosperity Through Deregulation,” and 14219, “Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementing the President’s “Department of Government Efficiency” Deregulatory Initiative.” The agenda also describes regulations affecting small entities as required by section 602 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, Public Law 96-354. This agenda also identifies regulatory actions that are being reviewed in compliance with section 610(c) of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. We invite public comments on those actions as well as any regulation consistent with Executive Order 13563.

USDA has attempted to list all regulations and regulatory reviews pending at the time of publication except for minor and routine or repetitive actions, but some may have been inadvertently missed. There is no legal significance to the omission of an item from this listing. Also, the dates shown for the steps of each action are estimated and are not commitments to act on or by the date shown.

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(1) Rules that are likely to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities; and

2) Rules identified for periodic review under section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

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Department of Agriculture (USDA)	Proposed Rule Stage
Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)	

1. RESCINDING NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM; MARKET DEVELOPMENT FOR MUSHROOMS AND PET FOOD (AMS-NOP-22-0063) [0581-AE13]

Legal Authority: 7 U.S.C. 6501

Abstract: This action would rescind the rule and regulations issued on December 23, 2024, titled, "National Organic Program; Market Development for Mushrooms and Pet Food." Amendments made to the USDA organic regulations were intended to clarify production and handling requirements for a) organic pet food standards and b) organic mushrooms.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/11/24	89 FR 17322
NPRM Comment Period End	05/10/24	
Final Rule	12/23/24	89 FR 104367
Final Rule Effective	03/21/25	90 FR 9187
Proposed Rule—Recission	05/12/25	90 FR 20133
Proposed Rule—Recission Comment Period End	06/12/25	
Final Rule	11/00/25	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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2. NATIONAL LIST OF ALLOWED AND PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE NOSB FALL 2021, FALL 2022 AND FALL 2024 MEETINGS (CROPS AND LIVESTOCK) (AMS-NOP-22-0029) [0581-AE25]

Legal Authority: 7 U.S.C. 6501 to 6524

Abstract: The National List identifies the synthetic substances that may be used in organic crop and livestock production as well as the nonsynthetic (natural) substances that may not be used. It also identifies the nonorganic substances that may be used in or on processed organic products. Amendments to the National List included in this proposed rule are based on recommendations from the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/25	

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3. OLIVE OIL PROMOTION, RESEARCH, AND INFORMATION ORDER [0581-AE33]

Legal Authority: 7 U.S.C. 7411 to 7425

Abstract: The proposed Olive Oil Promotion, Research, and Information Order (Order) would establish an effective and coordinated program of research, promotion, and information for the olive oil industry. Currently, no organization in the olive oil industry has the resources or funds to develop and disseminate the information and marketing promotions needed to increase awareness and to counter inaccurate or misleading information about olive oil among U.S. consumers, health and culinary professionals, and the media. Under the proposed Order, domestic first handlers and importers who handle or import over 5,000 gallons annually of olive oil would pay \$0.08 per gallon. It is estimated the program would collect more than \$8 million annually in assessments to carry out the program administered by the Cooperative for Olive Oil Promotion.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/25	
Final Rule	03/00/26	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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Department of Agriculture (USDA)	Long-Term Actions
Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)	

4. INERT INGREDIENTS IN PESTICIDES FOR ORGANIC PRODUCTION (AMS-NOP-21-0008) [0581-AE02]

Legal Authority: 7 U.S.C. 6501 to 6524

Abstract: Based on comments received from the September 2022 Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and recommendations from the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) in Fall 2024, this action would propose to replace outdated references in USDA's organic regulations to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) policy on inert ingredients in pesticides. Inerts, also identified as "other ingredients" on pesticide labels, are any substances other than the active ingredient that are intentionally added to pesticide products. References to outdated EPA policy appear in the USDA organic regulations in the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (National List) and identify the inert ingredients allowed in pesticides for organic production. This action has been moved to Long-term Actions because it is not an Administration priority.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	09/02/22	87 FR 54173

ANPRM Comment Period Extended	10/11/22	87 FR 61268
ANPRM Comment Period End	11/01/22	
ANPRM Comment Period Extended End	12/31/22	
NPRM	To Be	Determined

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5. NATIONAL LIST OF ALLOWED AND PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE NOSB 2021 AND 2022 MEETINGS (CROPS - NITROGEN FERTILIZERS) (AMS-NOP-21-0096) [0581-AE16]

Legal Authority: 7 U.S.C. 6501 to 6524

Abstract: The National List identifies the synthetic substances that may be used in organic crop and livestock production as well as the nonsynthetic (natural) substances that may not be used. It also identifies the nonorganic substances that may be used in or on processed organic products. Amendments to the National List included in this proposed rule are based on recommendations from the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB). The proposed rule seeks comment on the status of the following substances used in organic crop production: sodium nitrate, ammonia, and nitrogen fertilizers that have carbon-to-nitrogen ratio lower than three-to-one (3:1).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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Department of Agriculture (USDA)	Completed Actions
Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)	

6. NATURAL GRASS SOD PROMOTION, RESEARCH, AND INFORMATION ORDER (AMS-LP-21-0028) [0581-AE07]

Legal Authority: 7 U.S.C. 7411 to 7425

Abstract: This action is being terminated because the Order failed in referendum.

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Proposed Rule 2: Establish Order	12/10/24	89 FR 99149
Final Rule - Referendum	12/10/24	89 FR 99059
Direct Final Rule — Rescinding Referendum Procedures	05/29/25	90 FR 22625
Notice of Withdrawal of Proposed Rulemaking and Termination of Rulemaking Proceeding	05/29/25	90 FR 22671

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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RIN: 0581-AE07

7. FEES FOR OFFICIAL INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICES UNDER THE UNITED STATES GRAIN STANDARDS ACT (AMS-FGIS-24-0010) [0581-AE28]

Legal Authority: 7 U.S.C. 71 to 87k

Abstract: This action revised FY2024 fees for grain inspection and weighing services provided by the Agricultural Marketing Service’s (AMS) Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS). This action also implemented a revised formula to adjust inspection and weighing fees, annually, which will limit large swings in fees and ensure a sufficient reserve balance going forward. The new formula is similar to the standardized formula used in other user-fee AMS grading programs. The formula specified rates be based on the actual cost and workload data of the previous fiscal year(s) or accounting period(s) used by the program. Based on the analysis and using the formula, FGIS determined the fees necessary to

sustain program services. This increases predictability and provides information for planning purposes for the grain industry.

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	12/27/24	89 FR 105381

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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RIN: 0581-AE28

8. FORMULA FOR ADJUSTING FEES ASSOCIATED WITH OFFICIAL INSPECTION AND WEIGHING SERVICES UNDER THE UNITED STATES GRAIN STANDARDS ACT (AMS-FGIS-24-0027) [0581-AE31]

Legal Authority: 7 U.S.C. 71 to 87k

Abstract: This action established a standardized formula to annually adjust fees for grain inspection and weighing services provided by the Agricultural Marketing Service's (AMS) Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS). The use of a formula will limit large swings in fees and ensure a sufficient reserve balance going forward. The new formula is similar to the standardized formula used in other user-fee AMS grading programs. The formula specifies that rates be based on the actual cost and workload data of the previous fiscal year(s) or accounting period(s) used by the program. Based on the analysis and using the formula, FGIS will determine the fees necessary to sustain program services. This will increase predictability and provide information for planning purposes for the grain industry.

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/08/24	89 FR 81396
NPRM; Correction	10/17/24	89 FR 83437
Final Rule	01/06/25	90 FR 531
Final Action Effective	02/05/25	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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9. • SECTION 8E IMPORT INSPECTION FEE STRUCTURE (AMS-SC-23-0009) [0581-AE32]

Legal Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621 to 1627

Abstract: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) revised the regulations governing the inspection and certification for fresh fruits, vegetables, and other products by amending certain fees charged for Section 8e import inspections from a per-carlot basis to a per-pound basis, reducing the fee for each additional subplot by 50 percent, and establishing a new fee calculation for lots less than a carlot. These revisions were necessary to recover, as nearly as practicable, the costs of performing inspection services on imported commodities in accordance with the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/20/24	89 FR 51850
NPRM Comment Period End	08/19/24	
Final Rule	12/30/24	89 FR 106231
Delay of Final Rule Effective Date (Until 3/20/2025)	01/29/25	90 FR 8367
Final Rule Effective	03/20/25	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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Department of Agriculture (USDA)	Prerule Stage
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Farm Service Agency (FSA)	
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10. • AGRICULTURAL FOREIGN INVESTMENT DISCLOSURE ACT [0560-AI70]

Legal Authority: 7 U.S.C. 3501-3508

Abstract: The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is proposing updates to the regulation for the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA). FSA is addressing numerous aspects of 7 CFR part 781 to propose much needed updates to an old regulation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	07/00/25	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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Department of Agriculture (USDA)	Final Rule Stage
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)	

11. REVISE CONDITIONS FOR PAYMENT OF INDEMNITY AND COMPENSATION FOR HPAI [0579-AE79]

Legal Authority: 7 U.S.C. 8301, et seq.

Abstract: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) amended the regulations pertaining to conditions for payment of indemnity for highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) to require commercial poultry premises to successfully pass a biosecurity audit for HPAI-infected premises intending to restock and for buffer zone (uninfected) premises that wish to request that poultry be moved onto the premises.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/31/24	89 FR 106981
Interim Final Rule Effective	12/31/24	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period Reopened	03/14/25	90 FR 12105
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	04/14/25	
Analyzing comments on the IRM	07/00/25	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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RIN: 0579-AE79

Department of Agriculture (USDA)	Completed Actions
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)	

12. AGRICULTURAL BIOTERRORISM PROTECTION ACT OF 2002; BIENNIAL REVIEW AND REPUBLICATION OF THE SELECT AGENT AND TOXIN LIST [0579-AE52]

Legal Authority: 7 U.S.C. 8401

Abstract: In accordance with the Agricultural Bioterrorism Protection Act of 2002, we are amending and republishing the list of select agents and toxins that have the potential to pose a severe threat to animal or plant health, or to animal or plant products. The Act requires the biennial review and republication of the list of select agents and toxins and the revision of the list as necessary. This action implements findings of the biennial review of the lists.

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Rule	12/17/24	89 FR 101837
Final Rule Effective	01/16/25	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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Department of Agriculture (USDA)	Proposed Rule Stage
Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)	

13. STRENGTHENING INTEGRITY AND REDUCING RETAILER FRAUD IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) [0584-AE71]

Legal Authority: Pub. L. 113-79; Pub. L. 115-334

Abstract: This proposed rule would implement statutory provisions of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (the 2008 Farm Bill), the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (the 2018 Farm Bill), and other language intended to deter retailer fraud, abuse, and non-compliance in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Stakeholders are SNAP retailers and communities in which SNAP retailers provide SNAP participants access to food, other Programs that require SNAP authorization or where reciprocal actions impact participation, and SNAP participants.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/00/26	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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14. • UPDATED STAPLE FOOD STOCKING STANDARDS FOR RETAILERS IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM [0584-AF12]

Legal Authority: Pub. L. 113-79; 7 U.S.C. 2011 to 2036

Abstract: The Agricultural Act of 2014 amended the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to increase the requirement that certain Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) authorized retail food stores have available on a continuous basis at least three varieties of items in each of food staple food categories, to a mandatory minimum of seven varieties. This proposed rule would provide some retailers participating in SNAP as authorized food stores with more flexibility in meeting the enhanced SNAP eligibility requirements while also simplifying the criteria.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/00/26	

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Department of Agriculture (USDA)	Final Rule Stage
Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)	

15. SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC): WIC ONLINE ORDERING AND TRANSACTIONS AND FOOD DELIVERY REVISIONS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF A MODERN, DATA-DRIVEN PROGRAM [0584-AE85]

Legal Authority: Pub. L. 111-296

Abstract: This "final rule with comment" addresses key regulatory barriers to online ordering in the WIC Program by making changes to the provisions that prevent online transactions and types of online capable stores from participating in the Program. This rule will also allow FNS to modernize WIC vendor regulations that do not reflect current technology and facilitate the Program's transition to Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT). The final rule is responsive to prior proposed rule public comments from WIC state, public and private industry stakeholders to ensure that the final rule reflects their substantive feedback as online shopping and FNS' modernization efforts are made permanent.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/23/23	88 FR 11516
NPRM Comment Period End	05/24/23	
Final Action	02/00/26	

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Department of Agriculture (USDA)	Long-Term Actions
Office of the Secretary (AgSEC)	

16. TECHNICAL GUIDELINES FOR AGRICULTURE CROPS USED AS LOW-CARBON BIOFUEL

FEEDSTOCKS [0503-AA82]

Legal Authority: 16 U.S.C. 3845 and 3846

Abstract: USDA previously issued an Interim Final Rule (IFR) before the start of this Administration to establish new regulations that will set requirements for the quantification, reporting, and verification of low-carbon, domestic agricultural biofuel feedstocks. The rule may create additional opportunities to produce low-carbon agricultural feedstocks sourcing biofuels, and may provide added-value market opportunities for farmers producing biofuel feedstock crops. The next steps for this action are currently undetermined.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
RFI	06/27/24	89 FR 53585
RFI Comment Period End	07/25/24	
Interim Final Rule	01/17/25	90 FR 5497
Interim Final Rule Effective	01/17/25	
Interim Final Rule Comment Period End	03/18/25	
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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

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