

**National Organic Standards Board Meeting Agenda**  
**April 18 & 20 (Virtual) and April 25 - 27, 2023 (Atlanta + Live webcast)**  
**Crowne Plaza Atlanta Midtown 590 West Peachtree Street, NW Atlanta, GA 30308**  
**(Georgia Ballroom East and West)**

**Schedule at a Glance:**

	TUE Apr 18 & THU Apr 20	TUESDAY APRIL 25	WEDNESDAY APRIL 26	THURSDAY APRIL 27
MORNING	- Public comment webinar(s)	- Call to Order - Agenda Overview, NOP Introductions - Welcoming Remarks - NOSB Introductions - Secretary's report - NOSB report	- National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Census of Agriculture Survey Results - Crops Subcommittee (CS)	- Handling Subcommittee (HS)
AFTERNOON		- USDA/AMS/National Organic Program Update - Compliance, Accreditation, & Certification Subcommittee (CACS)  - NOSB Group photo	- Livestock Subcommittee (LS) - Materials Subcommittee (MS)	- Deferred Votes - Work agendas/ Materials' update - Closing remarks

**In-person Meeting Format**

- NOTE: The meeting will be in-person, but will also be broadcast live via Zoom. Please note time zones listed in agenda.
- Please be aware that the meeting may run ahead or behind schedule. Recess and adjournment times may vary based on completion of business.
- The Designated Federal Officer calls the meeting to order and adjourns the meeting. The NOSB Chair presides over the meeting.
- 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 end of the meeting if more deliberation is needed. NOTE: Agenda items may be withdrawn, or votes postponed at the discretion of the Board.

**How to Participate: Public Comments (Written and Oral)**

- Written Comments: The NOSB encourages people to submit written comments. Written comments can be submitted to [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) through April 5, 2023. Docket # AMS-NOP-22-0071
- Oral Comments: All persons wishing to provide oral comments must sign up in advance. Instructions are available on the [NOSB meeting webpage](#). The NOSB will hear comments during the following times: Tuesday, April 18 and Thursday, April 20 (via webinars). The 30-day registration period to sign up for oral comments will close April 5, 2023.
- Each person registered to make public comments is allocated 3 minutes, as in past years, to allow time for as many speakers as possible. Each commenter will be asked to state their name and affiliation for the record at the beginning of their comment, and to observe guidance set forth in the [NOSB Policy and Procedures Manual \(p. 33\)](#).
- The public is welcome to listen to the comment webinars and attend the meeting, either in person or via Zoom. Please see the NOSB meeting webpage, or schedule below, for login instructions for each session.

<b>TUE/THU</b> <b>APRIL 18 &amp; 20</b>	NOON - 5:00 PM ET (w/breaks)	<p><a href="#">Public comment webinars (Zoom)</a> Same link both days. Meeting ID: 160 673 2698</p> <p>If you need to join by phone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+1 669 254 5252 US (San Jose)</li> <li>+1 646 828 7666 US (New York)</li> <li>+1 415 449 4000 US (US Spanish Line)</li> <li>+1 551 285 1373 US</li> </ul> <p>One tap mobile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+16692545252,,1606732698# US (San Jose)</li> <li>+16468287666,,1606732698# US (New York)</li> </ul>
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<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>APRIL 25, 2023</b>	10:00 AM ET	<p><b><u>NOSB Business Meeting</u></b></p> <p><b>Online:</b> <a href="#">Zoom for virtual attendees</a>. Same link all 3 days.          Meeting ID: 161 241 4222          If you need to join by phone, use same phone numbers as for webinar above.</p> <p><b>In-person:</b>          Crowne Plaza          590 West Peachtree Street NW,          Atlanta, GA 30308</p> <p><b>Call to Order</b>          Dr. Jennifer Tucker, NOP Deputy Administrator</p> <p><b>Agenda Overview, NOP Introductions</b>          Dr. Jennifer Tucker, NOP Deputy Administrator</p> <p><b>Welcoming Remarks</b></p> <p><b>NOSB Introductions</b>          Nate Powell-Palm, NOSB Chair</p> <p><b>Secretary’s report (acceptance of Fall 2022 meeting summary as official record)</b>          Amy Bruch, Secretary</p> <p><b>NOSB report</b>          Nate Powell-Palm, NOSB Chairperson</p>
	12:00 PM	<b>BREAK Offline</b>
	12:15 PM	<b>USDA/AMS/National Organic Program Update, and NOP - NOSB Q&amp;A</b> Dr. Jennifer Tucker, AMS/NOP
	1:15 PM	<b>LUNCH Offline</b>
	2:45 PM	<p><b>Compliance, Accreditation, &amp; Certification Subcommittee (CACS) Update</b>          Amy Bruch, Chairperson</p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposal: Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture - Organic IS climate smart</li> <li>Discussion Document: Organic and Climate-Smart Agriculture - Climate Induced Farming Risk and Crop Insurance</li> <li>Discussion Document: Oversight improvements to deter fraud: Consistent Location Identification</li> </ul>
	5:00 PM	<b>RECESS</b>

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 26, 2023**

RECONVENE 10:00 AM ET	<b>National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Census of Agriculture Survey Results</b> Tony Dorn, USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, Chief, Environmental, Economics and Demographics Branch
10:30 AM + short break	<b>Crops Subcommittee (CS)</b> Amy Bruch, Chairperson <b>Topics:</b> Discussion document: Potassium sorbate - petitioned 2025 Crops Sunset Reviews: Alcohols: Ethanol Alcohols: Isopropanol Sodium carbonate peroxyhydrate Newspaper or other recycled paper, without glossy or colored inks Plastic mulch and covers Aqueous potassium silicate Elemental sulfur Lime sulfur Hydrated lime Liquid fish products Sulfurous acid Ethylene gas Microcrystalline cheesewax Potassium chloride
~12:30 PM	<b>LUNCH Offline</b>
2:00 PM	<b>Livestock Subcommittee (LS)</b> Kim Huseman, Chairperson <b>Topics:</b> 2025 Livestock Sunset Reviews: Alcohols: Ethanol Alcohols: Isopropanol Aspirin Biologics - Vaccines Electrolytes Glycerin(e) Phosphoric acid Lime, hydrated Mineral oil
3:00 PM	<b>Materials Subcommittee (MS)</b> Wood Turner, Chairperson <b>Topics:</b> Discussion Document: 2023 Research Priorities Discussion Document: Excluded Methods TBD list update Discussion Document: Technical Report (TR) Template update
5:00 PM	<b>RECESS</b>

**THURSDAY APRIL 27, 2023**

RECONVENE  
10:00 AM ET

**Handling Subcommittee (HS)**

Kyla Smith, Chairperson

**Topics:**

Proposal: Ion exchange filtration - Resins

2025 Handling Sunset Reviews:

Calcium carbonate

Flavors

Gellan gum (high-acyl form only)

Xanthan gum

Gums - water extracted only (Arabic; Guar; Locust bean; and Carob bean)

Tamarind seed gum

Tragacanth gum

Oxygen

Potassium chloride

Alginates

Calcium hydroxide

Ethylene

Glycerides (mono and di)

Magnesium stearate

Phosphoric acid

Potassium carbonate

Sulfur dioxide

Fructooligosaccharides (FOS)

Lecithin - de-oiled

~11:15 AM

**BREAK offline**

11:30 AM

**Handling Subcommittee (HS) continued**

12:15 PM

**Deferred Votes**

**NOSB work agendas/Materials update**

**Other business and closing remarks**

~1:00 PM

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