

**Formal Recommendation**  
**From: The National Organic Standards Board (NOSB)**  
**To: The National Organic Program (NOP)**

**Date:** April 28, 2022

**Subject:** NOSB Resolution - Organic Livestock and Poultry Standards (OLPS)

**NOSB Chair:** Nate Powell-Palm

**The NOSB hereby recommends to the NOP the following:**

Other: X

**Statement of the Recommendation:**

The National Organic Standards Board affirms the position that USDA needs to finalize the Organic Livestock and Poultry Standards (OLPS) rule to clarify the expectations for animal care in organic livestock production. Previously characterized as the Organic Livestock and Poultry Practices rulemaking, the Board has consistently supported action to establish clear requirements for space, density, outdoor access, and general animal care provisions for avian and mammalian species. USDA issued the OLPS proposed rule on August 9, 2022 seeking public comment and is correct in asserting both the statutory authority and the conditions of market failure that necessitate action. This federal rulemaking is essential to alleviate instances of competitive harm among market participants and to ensure alignment with consumer expectations of organic production.

Therefore, be it resolved that the National Organic Standards Board—as USDA’s Federal Advisory Board on organic issues and representing organic farmers, ranchers, processors, retailers, and consumers – urges the Secretary to finalize the Organic Livestock and Poultry Standard rule expeditiously, to strengthen organic animal health and welfare standards, protect communities and the environment, improve consistency, better meet consumer expectations, and address market failures.

**NOSB Vote:**

Motion to accept the resolution on the Organic Livestock and Poultry Standards (OLPS)

Motion by: Mindee Jeffery

Seconded by: Liz Graznak

Yes: 15 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0 Recuse: 0

Motion Passed