

USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)
National Organic Program (NOP)

**NOP Update for the National Organic
Standards Board (NOSB) – Part 2**

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NOP Update in Learning Center!



- **Initiatives: TOPP, Human Capital**
- **Rulemaking: SOE, OLPS, OOL, Inerts, Nitrogen, National List**
- **Accreditation & Audits**
- **India Oversight Initiative**
- **Compliance & Enforcement**
- **Trademark Protection**
- **Trade Systems**
- **And More ...**

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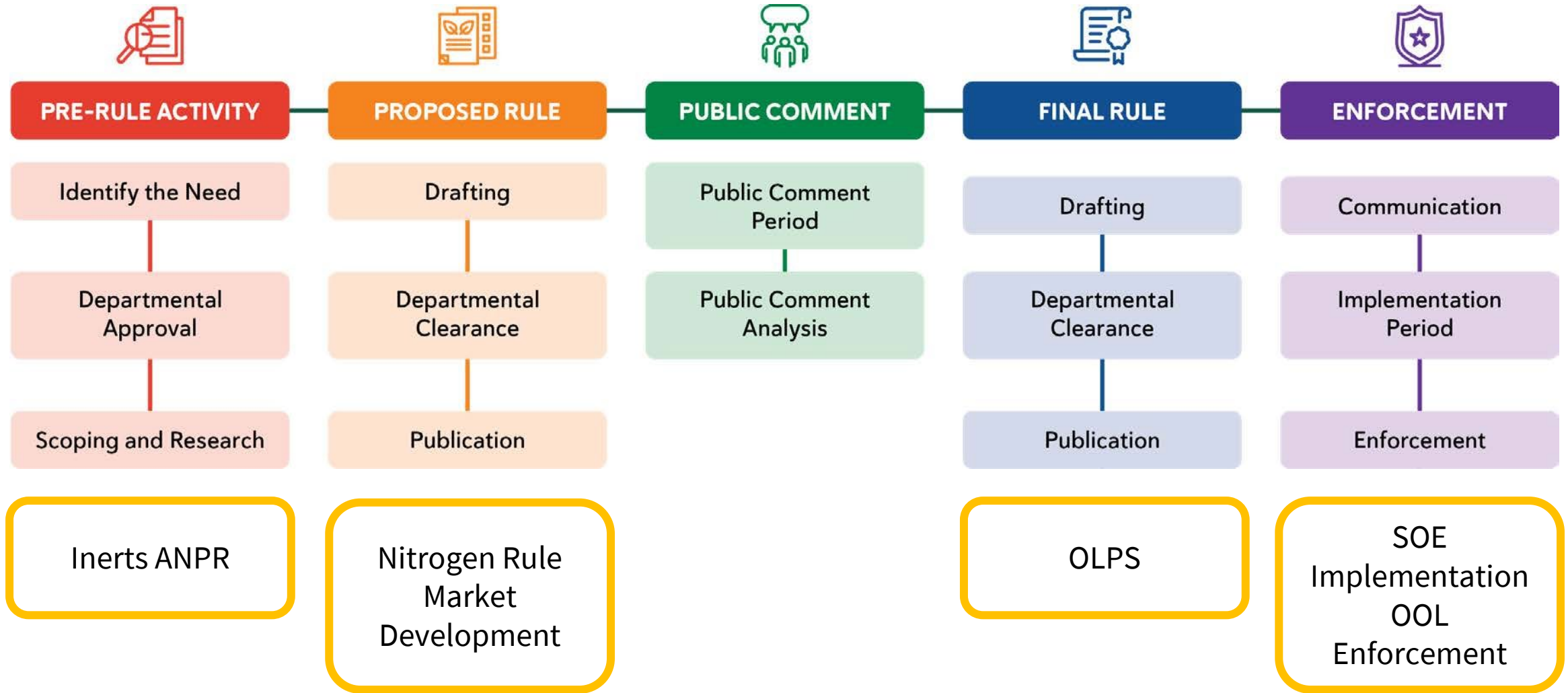
Update for the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB)
Spring 2023 Meeting

National Organic Program Team

April 2023



Reminder on Rulemaking Process



Strengthening Organic Enforcement (SOE) Final Rule



Reduce the number of uncertified entities



Strengthen recordkeeping and supply chain traceability



Require use of electronic import certificates



Strengthen oversight of accredited certifiers



GOAL: Protect organic integrity and bolster consumer confidence in the USDA organic seal

Help Us Emphasize Need for Certification!



Adopt organic practices, select certifier, apply

Application Review

On-Site Inspection

Full Review for Compliance

Certification Approval or Denial

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/organic-certification/becoming-certified>

Start Soon to Complete Certification by March 19, 2024!

Tracking Progress on NOSB Recommendations



- NOP Updates for NOSB in Learning Center
- NOSB Recommendation Indices: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/NOSBRecommendationsLibrary.pdf>
- Memos to the NOSB: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic/nosb/memos-nosb>
- OMB Regulatory Agenda (Spring/Fall)

National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) Recommendations
Summary of Status

Status	Practice Standards	National List	Summary
In Process	20	9	
Complete	183	306	
Closed	0	10	
On Hold	15	1	
Total	218	326	
Percent Complete	84%	94%	

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MEMORANDUM TO THE NATIONAL ORGANIC STANDARDS BOARD

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SUBJECT: Response to National Organic Standards Board Recommendations (Fall 2022 Meeting)

Background

This memorandum responds to recommendations from the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), National Organic Program (NOP). Recommendations were made at the NOSB biannual meeting, which took place in Sacramento, California October 25-27, 2022. The memo also provides an update on NOP's current and upcoming regulatory priorities.

- **Inerts: Work Agenda Request**
- **Technical Support for NOSB**
- **Organic Transition Initiative:**
 - **TOPP Program Update**
 - **Market Development: Upcoming Competitive Grant Request for Applications**
 - **Transitioning Farms: Coordination with NRCS & RMA**

Compliance and Enforcement is Ongoing



Training and Outreach to Build Capabilities

Surveillance (Operations, Certifiers, Sectors, Countries)

Complaint Investigations & Resulting Actions

USDA: NOP & Office of Inspector General + Other Agencies

Certifier Directives, Testing and Related Actions

Loss of Certification (Suspension, Revocation) under NOP

Legal Penalties Covered by Trademark Protections

Customs and Border Protection (CBP)


Significant Fees and Fines (Civil Penalties)

Prison Time


Department of Justice (DOJ)

Human Capital Initiative Resources



	MODEL 1 ONE-WEEK INTENSIVE TRAINING	MODEL 2 LONG-TERM PROGRAM
DURATION	1 WEEK	6 MONTHS
PROGRAM STRUCTURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inspections & classroom lectures - 6 – 12 months of post-program mentor engagement - On-site inspections & report-writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inspections & informal lectures - Simultaneous mentor engagement - On-site inspections & report-writing
APPRENTICESHIP	<h2>Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Resources for the Organic Sector</h2> <h3>Introduction</h3> <p>The  USDA's National Organic Program (NOP) supports workforce development in the organic sector. Many individuals in the organic sector acknowledge that diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) are essential to creating a healthy and thriving workforce that brings different perspectives and experiences to address shared problems. The organic sector benefits by collectively learning and sharing how to embed DEIA principles in our culture: diversity in people leads to diversity in solutions to address the complex challenges that we face today.</p>	



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Organic Integrity From Farm to Table



Consumers Trust the Organic Label

