



**National Organic Standards Board Meeting**  
**Galt House Hotel, Grand Ballroom C, Louisville, KY October 22-24, 2013**  
**TENTATIVE Agenda**

	Tuesday Oct 22	Wednesday Oct 23	Thursday Oct 24
AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Call to Order</li> <li>- USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Administrator Anne L. Alonzo</li> <li>- NOP Update</li> <li>- Broad Discussion</li> <li>- Materials Update</li> <li>- Open Public</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Materials Subcommittee</li> <li>- Handling Subcommittee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Compliance, Accreditation &amp; Certification Subcommittee</li> <li>- Crops Subcommittee</li> </ul>
PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Policy Development Subcommittee</li> <li>- GMO ad hoc Subcommittee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Livestock Subcommittee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Deferred Items/Final Votes</li> <li>- NOSB Officer Elections</li> <li>- Subcommittee Work Plans</li> <li>- Other Business/Closing Remarks</li> </ul>

#### Meeting Format

- The USDA National Organic Program (NOP) National List Manager presents an overview of petitioned substances and Technical Reports in consistent format.
- NOSB members present Subcommittee proposals on petitioned substances and discussion documents.
- Public comments are grouped to correspond with each Subcommittee's presentation.
- Each Subcommittee's proposals are discussed and may be voted on by the Board before moving to the next Subcommittee. Items listed as sunset summaries, discussion documents, or updates will not be voted on.
- If more deliberation is needed, final votes will be deferred to Thursday, October 24.
- NOTE: Agenda items may be withdrawn or votes may be postponed at the discretion of the Board.

#### Public Comments:

- All persons wishing to comment at NOSB meetings during public comment periods must sign up in advance. Instructions are available at [www.ams.usda.gov/NOSBMeetings](http://www.ams.usda.gov/NOSBMeetings). Speaking slots for walk-in commenters may be available, but are not guaranteed. Commenters can sign up in person at the meeting if the schedule allows.
- Each commenter must state their name and affiliation for the record at the beginning of his or her public comment.



- Each person may sign up for only one speaking slot, followed by time for questions from the Board. The amount of time provided for public comments will be determined by the number of commenters and the time available.

Tuesday, October 22, 2013	8:00 AM	<p><b>Call to Order</b>  <b>Mac Stone, Chairperson and John Foster, Vice Chairperson</b></p> <p>Announcements          Introductions          NOSB Mission</p> <p><b>Secretary's Report</b>  <b>Dr. Calvin Walker, Secretary</b></p> <p>Acceptance of <a href="#">April 2013 Meeting Transcripts</a> and Voting Results as Official Record</p>
	8:30 AM	<p><b>Address</b>  <b>Anne L. Alonzo, USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Administrator</b></p>
	8:50 AM	<p><b>National Organic Program Update</b>  <b>Miles McEvoy, Deputy Administrator, National Organic Program (NOP)</b></p>
	9:20 AM	<p><b>Discussion: Broader organic topics, Organic Community, NOSB Roles, Farm Bill, etc</b>  <b>NOSB</b></p>
	10:20 AM	<p><b>BREAK</b></p>
	10:35 AM	<p><b>National Organic Program - Materials Update</b>  <b>Dr. Lisa M. Brines, NOP National List Manager</b></p>
	10:50 AM	<p>Open Public Comment. Public comments not specific to a particular Subcommittee, or that address topics not on the agenda</p>
	12:15 PM	<p><b>LUNCH</b></p>
	1:30 PM	<p>Open Public Comment Continued</p>
	2:45 PM	<p><b>BREAK</b></p>
	3:00 PM	<p><b>Policy Development Subcommittee</b>  <b>Colehour Bondera, Chairperson</b></p> <p>Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments</p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <p>Proposal: PPM Updates - Administrative Updates          Proposal: PPM Updates - Miscellaneous Updates          Proposal: PPM Updates - Conflict of Interest</p>
	3:30 PM	<p>Public comments related to Policy Development Subcommittee</p>



	4:00 PM	Subcommittee modifies proposals as needed Board votes if ready
Tuesday, October 22	4:30 PM	<b>GMO ad hoc Subcommittee</b> <i>Dr. Jennifer Taylor, Chairperson</i>  <b>Topics:</b>  Update: GMOs and Seed Purity Update
	4:45 PM	<b>RECESS</b>

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<b>Wednesday, October 23</b>	8:00 AM	<p><b>Materials Subcommittee</b> <i>Zea Sonnabend, Chairperson</i></p> <p>Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments</p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Proposal: Update of Petition &amp; Technical Review Process Proposal: Confidential Business Information in Petitions (CBI) Proposal: Research Priorities</p>
	8:30 AM	Public comments related to Materials Subcommittee
	9:10 AM	Subcommittee modifies proposals as needed Board votes if ready
	9:30 AM	<p><b>Handling Subcommittee</b> <i>John Foster, Chairperson</i></p> <p>Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments</p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Proposal: Ammonium Hydroxide (boiler water additive) - petitioned Proposal: Glycerin - petitioned for removal Discussion Document: Polyalkylene Glycol Monobutyl Ether (PGME) - petitioned Update: Ancillary Substances Sunset 2015 Summary - Gellan Gum Sunset 2015 Summary - Tragacanth Sunset 2015 Summary - Marsala Sunset 2015 Summary - Sherry</p>
	10:00 AM	<b>BREAK</b>
	10:15 AM	Present Handling Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments continued
	10:45 AM	Public comments related to Handling Subcommittee
	12:00 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>
	1:15 PM	Subcommittee modifies proposals as needed Board votes if ready



	1:45 PM	<p><b>Livestock Subcommittee</b>  <b>Tracy Favre, Chairperson</b></p> <p>Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments</p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposal: Methionine in Organic Poultry Feed - petitioned</li> <li>Proposal: Acidified Sodium Chlorite (ASC) - petitioned</li> <li>Proposal: Aquaculture - Chlorine - petitioned</li> <li>Proposal: Aquaculture - Tocopherols - petitioned</li> <li>Proposal: Aquaculture - Vitamins - petitioned</li> <li>Proposal: Aquaculture - Trace Minerals - petitioned</li> </ul>
	3:00 PM	<b>BREAK</b>
	3:15 PM	Public comments related to Livestock Subcommittee
	4:30 PM	Subcommittee modifies proposals as needed Board votes if ready
	5:30 PM	<b>RECESS</b>



Thursday, October 24

8:00 AM

**Compliance, Accreditation and Certification Subcommittee**  
*Joe Dickson, Chairperson*

Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments

**Topics:**

- Discussion Document: Guidance on Retail Certification
- Discussion Document: Clarifying Accredited Certifying Agents' Application of §205.206(e)
- Discussion Document: Sound and Sensible

8:30 AM

Public comments related to CAC Subcommittee

9:00 AM

**Crops Subcommittee**  
*Jay Feldman, Chairperson*

Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments

**Topics:**

- Proposal: Streptomycin - petitioned
- Proposal: Magnesium Oxide - petitioned
- Update: Inerts Update
- Sunset 2015 Summary: Sulfurous Acid
- Sunset 2015 Summary: Sodium Carbonate Peroxyhydrate
- Sunset 2015 Summary: Aqueous Potassium Silicate

9:45 AM

**BREAK**

10:00 AM

Public comments related to Crops Subcommittee

11:30 AM

Subcommittee modifies proposals as needed  
Board votes if ready

12:00 PM

**LUNCH**

1:15 PM

Deferred Proposals/Final Votes

3:00 PM

**BREAK**

3:15 PM

NOSB Officer Elections

3:45 PM

Subcommittee Workplans

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Other Business and Closing Remarks

4:30 PM

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