



QUICK REFERENCES FOR THE SPRING 2022 NOSB MEETING

Welcome to the Spring 2022 National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) Meeting. NOSB meets twice a year in a public forum to discuss and vote on issues related to the National List and other aspects of the organic regulations. The meetings are an opportunity for stakeholders to give feedback on NOSB's proposals and discussion items. NOSB also receives updates from USDA's National Organic Program (NOP) on issues pertaining to organic agriculture.

KEY RESOURCES

- [OTA's Summary of Meeting Topics](#)
- [OTA's Written Comments](#)
- [More at ota.com/nosb](#)
- [NOSB Meeting Agenda](#)
- [NOSB Full Meeting Packet](#)
- [USDA's NOSB Website](#)

SCHEDULE

Public Comment Webinars: **April 19 & 21** (Noon-5pm Eastern each day) – [Click Here To Join](#)

NOSB Meeting: **April 26 – 28** (Noon-5pm Eastern each day) – [Click Here To Join](#)

Tues. April 26 th	Wed. April 27 th	Thurs. April 28 th
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcoming Remarks• USDA/NOP Update• Livestock Subcommittee topics• Compliance, Accreditation, & Certification (CAC) Subcommittee topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Handling Subcommittee topics• National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Update• Organic Seed Alliance Report• Materials Subcommittee topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crops Subcommittee topics• Policy Development (PD) Subcommittee topics• Deferred Votes• Work Agendas

LIST OF TOPICS

PROPOSALS (vote)

- **Highly Soluble Nitrogen Fertilizer (Crops)** – proposal to limit fertilizers with low C:N to < 20% of crop need
- **Carbon Dioxide (Crops)** – petitioned for use in irrigation water treatment
- **Cetylpyridinium Chloride (Handling)** – petitioned for use as an antimicrobial treatment of poultry carcasses
- **Phosphoric Acid (Handling)** – petitioned expanded use for extracting target molecules from seaweed
- **Excluded Methods (Materials)** – proposal to formalize status of cell and protoplast fusion in plant breeding
- **NOP Risk Mitigation Table (CAC)** – procedures for mitigating conflicts of interest in the NOP accreditation of certifiers
- **Public Comment Process (PD)** – proposal for minor updates to NOSB Policy and Procedure Manual

DISCUSSION (no vote)

- **2024 Sunset Review (Crops, Livestock, Handling)** – NOSB is will review ~30 inputs currently included on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances to determine if the listing should expire by 2024
- **Tall Oil (Materials)** – petitioned for use as an inert ingredient crop and livestock pest controls
- **2022 Research Priorities (Materials)** – discussion on NOSB's annual list of research priorities for organic food and ag
- **Human Capital: NOSB Technical Support Initiative (CAC)** – exploring opportunities to obtain outside assistance for NOSB, as appropriate, to help alleviate some of the workload
- **Oversight improvements to deter fraud: Modernization of organic traceability infrastructure (CAC)** – exploring new requirements for reporting acreage on organic certifications and a universal bill of lading