



## National Organic Standards Board Meeting

### Portland, OR April 9-11, 2013

### Agenda

#### Schedule at a Glance:

	Tuesday April 9	Wednesday April 10	Thursday April 11
<b>AM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Call to Order</li> <li>- Secretary's Report</li>   <li>- NOP Update</li>   <li>- Open Public Comment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Policy Development Subcommittee</li>   <li>- Aquaculture WG Update</li>   <li>- Livestock Subcommittee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Handling Subcommittee</li>   <li>- Compliance, Accreditation &amp; Certification Subcommittee</li>   <li>- Misc Public Comment</li> </ul>
<b>PM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Materials Subcommittee</li>   <li>- GMO ad hoc Subcommittee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tree Fruit (Antibiotics) Panel</li>   <li>- Crops Subcommittee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inerts WG Update</li>   <li>- Deferred Items/Final Votes</li>   <li>- Work Plans and Other Business</li>   <li>- 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.
- If more deliberation is needed, final votes will be deferred to Thursday, April 11.
- NOTE: Agenda items may be withdrawn or votes may be postponed at the discretion of the Board.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 give their name and affiliation for the record at the beginning of his or her public comment.
- Each speaker will have 4 minutes to present their comments to the NOSB followed by time for questions from the Board. Each person may sign up for only one speaking slot during the meeting.



<b>Tuesday, April 9</b>	8:00 AM	<p><b>Call to Order</b> <i>Mac Stone, Chairperson</i></p> <p>Announcements Introductions NOSB Mission</p> <p><b>Secretary's Report</b> <i>Dr. Calvin Walker, Secretary</i></p> <p>Acceptance of <a href="#">May 2012</a> and <a href="#">October 2012</a> Meeting Transcripts and Voting Results as Official Record</p>
	8:20 AM	<p><b>National Organic Program Update</b> <i>Miles McEvoy, Deputy Administrator, National Organic Program</i></p>
	9:00 AM	<p><b>Open Public Comment</b></p> <p>Public comments not specific to a particular Subcommittee, or that address topics not on the agenda</p>
	10:00 AM	<b>BREAK</b>
	10:15 AM	Open Public Comment Continued
	12:00 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>
	1:00 PM	Open Public Comment Continued
	3:05 PM	<b>BREAK</b>
	3:20 PM	<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>Discussion Document: Confidential Business Information (CBI) Transparency and Process</p> <p>Discussion Document: Definition of Production Aids</p> <p>Proposal: Process for Limited Scope Technical Reviews (TRs)</p>
3:50 PM	Public comments related to Materials Subcommittee	



<b>Tuesday, April 9</b>	4:15 PM	<p><b>GMO ad hoc Subcommittee</b>  <b>Dr. Jennifer Taylor, Chairperson</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments</p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Discussion Document: GMOs and Seed Purity                  Discussion Document: Terminology for Excluded Methods</p>
	4:35 PM	Public comments related to GMO ad hoc Subcommittee
	5:30 PM	<b>RECESS</b>



<b>Wednesday, April 10</b>	8:00 AM	<p><b>Policy Development Subcommittee</b> <i>Colehour Bondera, Chairperson</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments</p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Discussion Document: Material Initiation Policy Proposal: New Member Guide update Proposal: Public Communications</p>
	8:30 AM	Public comments related to Policy Development Subcommittee
	8:45 AM	<b>Presentation: Aquaculture Working Group</b>
	9:45 AM	<b>BREAK</b>
	10:00 AM	<p><b>Livestock Subcommittee</b> <i>Tracy Favre, Chairperson</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments</p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposal: Pet Food Amino Acids - petitioned Vaccines Made with Excluded Methods (VMWEM) Working Group Interim Report: Dr. Jean Richardson</p>
	10:25AM	Public comments related to Livestock Subcommittee
	11:10 AM	Break for Subcommittee to modify proposals as needed Board votes if ready
	11:45 AM	<b>LUNCH</b>



<b>Wednesday, April 10</b>	1:00 PM	<b>Tree Fruit (antibiotics) panel</b>
	2:15 PM	<b>Crops Subcommittee</b> <i>Jay Feldman, Chairperson</i>  Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments  <b>Topics:</b>  Proposal: Tetracycline - petitioned Proposal: Polyoxin D Zinc Salt - petitioned Proposal: Indole-3-butyric acid (IBA) - petitioned
	2:45 PM	Public comments related to Crops Subcommittee
	3:15 PM	<b>BREAK</b>
	3:30 PM	Public comments related to Crops Subcommittee continued
	5:40 PM	<b>RECESS</b>



<b>Thursday, April 11</b>	8:00 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>Proposal: Sulfuric acid - petitioned          Proposal: Barley beta fiber - petitioned          Proposal: Sugar beet fiber - petitioned          Proposal: Proposal: 1,3-Dibromo-5,5-dimethylhydantoin (DBDMH) - petitioned          Proposal: Auxiliary/"other" ingredients</p>
	8:50 AM	Public comments related to Handling Subcommittee
	9:45 AM	<b>BREAK</b>
	10:00 AM	Break for Subcommittee to modify proposals as needed Board votes if ready
	11:00 AM	<p><b>Compliance, Accreditation and Certification Subcommittee</b> <i>Joe Dickson, Chairperson</i></p> <p>Present Subcommittee proposals and summarize written comments</p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <p>Proposal: Calculating Percent of Organic Ingredients in Multi-ingredient Products</p>
	11:15 AM	Public comments related to CAC Subcommittee
	12:15 AM	<b>LUNCH</b>
	1:30 PM	<b>Inerts Working Group Update: Dr. Lisa M. Brines (NOP)</b>
	1:45 PM	Deferred Proposals/Final Votes
	3:00 PM	<b>BREAK</b>
	3:15 PM	Deferred Proposals/Final Votes
	4:45 PM	Subcommittee Workplans
	5:00 PM	Other Business and Closing Remarks
	5:30 PM	<b>ADJOURN</b>