



## National Organic Standards Board Meeting Agenda Stoweflake Conference Center, Pinnacle Room Stowe, Vermont

Schedule at a Glance:

	Tuesday Oct 13 & 20 Webinars	Monday Oct 26	Tuesday Oct 27	Wednesday Oct 28	Thursday Oct 29
MORNING		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Call to Order/Intros</li> <li>- Vermont Welcome</li> <li>- Secretary's Report</li> <li>- NOP Report</li> <li>- NOSB Report</li> <li>- Materials Update</li> <li>- NIFA Presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public Comments Continued</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Handling Subcmnte</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Livestock Subcmnte</li> </ul>
AFTERNOON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public comment webinars</li> </ul> <p>1 – 4 pm ET</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public Comments Continued</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Crops Subcommittee</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Group Photo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Materials Subcmnte</li> <li>- Policy Dev Subcmnte</li> <li>- Compliance, Accreditation &amp; Certification Subcmnte</li> <li>- Handling Subcmnte</li> <li>- Crops Subcmnte</li> <li>- Officer Elections</li> <li>- Work Agendas</li> <li>- Plaque Presentations</li> <li>- Other Business/Closing Remarks</li> </ul>

### Face-to-Face Meeting Format

- The Designated Federal Officer calls the meeting to order. The NOSB Chair chairs the meeting.
- The USDA and National Organic Program (NOP) provide the NOSB with updates, and an overview of petitioned substances, sunset materials, and technical reports.
- The Board hears public comments, which are grouped by topic to facilitate review.
- NOSB members present Subcommittee proposals, reports and discussion documents, and discuss public comment, prior to voting on proposals. Final votes may be deferred to the last day of the meeting if more deliberation is needed. NOTE: Agenda items may be withdrawn or votes postponed at the discretion of the Board.
- There will be two 15-minute breaks (mid-morning & mid-afternoon) and a 75-minute lunch break mid-day.
- Schedule is subject to change

### Public Comments (Written and Oral)

- All persons are encouraged to provide written comments via [Regulations.gov](http://Regulations.gov).
- All persons wishing to provide oral comments are asked to sign up in advance. Instructions are available at [www.ams.usda.gov/NOSBMeetings](http://www.ams.usda.gov/NOSBMeetings). There are three (3) opportunities to provide oral comments to the Board: Two webinars and one face-to-face meeting. Walk-in comment slots may become available on a first come-first served basis at the meeting, if the schedule allows.
- Each person may sign up for only one speaking slot. Commenters will be allowed either a 5-minute time slot during the webinar, or a 3-minute time slot at the face-to-face meeting. Each commenter must state his/her name and affiliation for the record at the beginning of their comment.



<b>TUESDAY OCTOBER 13 &amp; 20, 2015</b>	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	<p><b>Public Comment Webinars</b></p> <p>Login Information and instructions will be provided to registrants/listeners prior to the webinar</p>
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<b>MONDAY OCTOBER 26, 2015</b>	9:00 AM	<p><b>Call to Order, Agenda Overview</b> Miles McEvoy, AMS Deputy Administrator</p> <p><b>Introductions</b> Dr. Jean Richardson, Chairperson</p> <p><b>Welcome to Vermont</b> Vermont Secretary of Agriculture, Chuck Ross U.S. Senator Leahy - via video</p> <p><b>Secretary's Report, Acceptance of <a href="#">April 2015 Meeting Summary</a> and Outcome as Official Record</b> Harold Austin, Secretary</p>
	9:45 AM	<p><b>National Organic Program Report</b> Miles McEvoy, Deputy Administrator, National Organic Program (NOP)</p>
	10:30 AM	<p><b>NOSB Report</b> Dr. Jean Richardson, NOSB Chairperson</p>
	10:45 AM	<p><b>National Organic Program - Materials Update/Summary of New and Outstanding Petitions</b> Dr. Lisa M. Brines, NOP National List Manager</p>
	11:00 AM	<b>BREAK</b>
	11:15 AM	<p><b>National Institute of Food &amp; Agriculture (NIFA) Presentation</b> Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy, Director of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture</p>
	12:00 PM	<b>Public Comments (Continued from Oct 13 &amp; 20 Webinars) - Remainder of day</b>
	1:00 PM - 2:15 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>
	4:00 PM	<b>BREAK</b>
	6:30 PM	<b>RECESS</b>



<b>TUESDAY OCTOBER 27, 2015</b>	8:30 AM	<b>Public Comments</b>
	10:15 AM	<b>BREAK</b>
	10:30 AM	<b>Public Comments Continued</b>
	12:00 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>
	1:15 PM	<p><b>Crops Subcommittee</b> Zea Sonnabend, Chairperson</p> <p><b>Topics: 2017 Sunset Substances</b></p> <p><a href="#">2017 Sunset Preliminary Reviews</a>: See end of agenda for complete list of materials          Proposal: Annotation Change for Micronutrients          Proposal: Annotation Changes for EPA List 4 Inerts</p>
	3:45 PM	<b>BREAK</b>
	4:00 PM	<p><b>Crops Subcommittee continued</b></p> <p>Subcommittee discusses proposals as needed          Board votes if ready</p>
	5:30 PM	<b>RECESS</b>



<b>WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28, 2015</b>	8:30 AM	<p><b>Handling Subcommittee</b> Tom Chapman, Chairperson</p> <p><b>Topics: 2017 Sunset Substances</b></p> <p><a href="#">2017 Sunset Preliminary Reviews</a>: See end of agenda for complete list of materials Proposals: Reclassification of Alginic Acid Proposals: Reclassification of Carnauba Wax</p> <p>Subcommittee discusses proposals as needed Board votes if ready</p>
	10:30 AM	<b>BREAK</b>
	12:15 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>
	3:30 PM	<b>BREAK</b>
	6:00 PM	<b>RECESS</b>

<b>THURSDAY OCTOBER 29, 2015</b>	8:30 AM	<p><b>Livestock Subcommittee</b> Tracy Favre, Chairperson</p> <p><b>Topics: 2017 Sunset Substances</b></p> <p><a href="#">2017 Sunset Preliminary Reviews</a>: See end of agenda for complete list of materials Discussion Document: Annotation Changes for Lidocaine and Procaine Discussion Document: Annotation Change for Parasiticides</p>
	10:30 AM	<b>BREAK</b>
	10:45 AM	<p><b>Livestock Subcommittee continued</b></p> <p>Subcommittee discusses proposals as needed Board votes if ready</p>
	12:30 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>
	1:15 PM	<p><b>Materials Subcommittee</b> Dr. C. Reuben (Calvin) Walker, Chairperson</p> <p><b>Topics:</b> Proposal: Research Priorities Proposal: Prevention Strategy Guidance for Excluded Methods</p> <p>Subcommittee discusses proposals as needed Board votes if ready</p>



1:45 PM	<p><b>Policy Development Subcommittee</b> Tracy Favre, Chairperson</p> <p><b>Topics:</b> Verbal Report: Policy and Procedure Manual (PPM) Revisions</p>
2:00 PM	<p><b>Compliance, Accreditation and Certification Subcommittee</b> Carmela Beck, Chairperson</p> <p><b>Topics:</b> Verbal Report: Assessment of Soil Conservation Practices (No document)</p>
2:15 PM	<p><b>Handling Subcommittee</b> Tom Chapman, Chairperson</p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposal: Sodium Lactate and Potassium Lactate - petitioned</li> <li>Proposal: Flavors - petitioned</li> <li>Proposal: Ancillary Substances for Microorganisms (Including Dairy Cultures)</li> <li>Proposal: Ancillary Substances for Pectin</li> <li>Proposal: Ancillary Substances for Yeast</li> </ul> <p>Subcommittee discusses proposals as needed Board votes if ready</p>
3:30 PM	<b>BREAK</b>
3:45 PM	<p><b>Crops Subcommittee</b> Zea Sonnabend, Chairperson</p> <p><b>Topics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposal: Laminarin - petitioned</li> <li>Proposal: Lignin Sulfonate - petitioned</li> <li>Proposal: Sulfuric Acid - petitioned</li> <li>Proposal: Seaweed extracts (aquatic plants extracts) - petitioned</li> </ul> <p>Subcommittee discusses proposals as needed Board votes if ready</p>
4:45 PM	NOSB Officer Elections
5:00 PM	Subcommittee Work Agendas
5:15 PM	Presentation of Plaques for Outgoing Members
5:45 PM	Other Business and Closing Remarks
6:00 PM	<b>ADJOURN</b>



## 2017 Sunset Materials

### Handling 2017 Sunset Materials

#### §205.605(a) Nonsynthetics allowed

Acid, Alginate  
 Acid, Citric  
 Acid, Lactic  
 Attapulgate  
 Bentonite  
 Calcium carbonate  
 Calcium chloride  
 Dairy cultures  
 Diatomaceous earth  
 Enzymes  
 Flavors  
 Kaolin  
 Magnesium sulfate  
 Nitrogen  
 Oxygen  
 Perlite  
 Potassium chloride  
 Potassium iodide  
 Sodium bicarbonate  
 Sodium carbonate  
 Waxes: Carnauba  
 Waxes: Wood rosin  
 Yeast

#### §205.605(b) Synthetics allowed

Acidified sodium chlorite  
 Alginates  
 Ammonium bicarbonate  
 Ammonium carbonate  
 Ascorbic acid  
 Calcium citrate  
 Calcium hydroxide  
 Calcium phosphates: monobasic, dibasic, tribasic  
 Carbon dioxide  
 Chlorine Materials (Calcium hypochlorite, Chlorine dioxide, Sodium hypochlorite)  
 Ethylene  
 Ferrous sulfate  
 Glycerides: mono and di  
 Glycerin  
 Hydrogen peroxide  
 Magnesium carbonate

Magnesium chloride  
 Magnesium stearate  
 Nutrient vitamins and minerals  
 Ozone  
 Phosphoric acid  
 Potassium acid tartrate  
 Potassium carbonate  
 Potassium citrate  
 Potassium phosphate  
 Sodium citrate  
 Sodium hydroxide  
 Sodium phosphates  
 Sulfur dioxide  
 Tocopherols  
 Xanthan gum

#### §205.606 (PDF) Nonorganically produced agricultural products allowed as ingredients in or on processed products labeled as "organic."

Casings  
 Celery powder  
 Chia (*Salvia hispanica* L.)  
 Colors: Various  
 Dillweed oil  
 Fish oil  
 Fructooligosaccharides  
 Galangal, frozen  
 Gelatin  
 Gums: Arabic, Carob bean, Guar, Locust bean  
 Inulin-oligofructose enriched  
 Kelp  
 Konjac flour  
 Lecithin - de-oiled  
 Lemongrass-frozen  
 Orange pulp, dried  
 Orange Shellac - unbleached  
 Pectin (non-amidated forms only)  
 Peppers (Chipotle chile)  
 Seaweed, Pacific kombu  
 Starches, Cornstarch (native), Sweet potato  
 Turkish bay leaves  
 Wakame seaweed (*Undaria pinnatifida*)  
 Whey protein concentrate



## Crops 2017 Sunset Materials

### §205.601 Synthetic substances allowed for use in organic crop production

Alcohol (Ethanol, Isopropanol)  
 Chlorine Materials (Calcium hypochlorite, Chlorine dioxide, Sodium hypochlorite)  
 Hydrogen peroxide  
 Soap-based algicide/demossers  
 Herbicides, soap-based  
 Newspaper or other recycled paper  
 Plastic mulch and covers  
 Soaps, ammonium  
 Ammonium carbonate  
 Boric acid  
 Elemental sulfur  
 Lime sulfur  
 Oils, horticultural  
 Soaps, insecticidal  
 Sticky traps/barriers  
 Sucrose octanoate esters  
 Pheromones  
 Vitamin D3  
 Copper sulfate  
 Coppers, fixed

Hydrated lime  
 Potassium bicarbonate  
 Aquatic plant extracts  
 Humic acids  
 Lignin sulfonate  
 Magnesium sulfate  
 Micronutrients (Soluble boron products, Sulfates, carbonates, oxides, or silicates of zinc, copper, iron, manganese, molybdenum, selenium, and cobalt)  
 Liquid fish products  
 Vitamin B1, C, E  
 Ethylene  
 Sodium silicate  
 EPA List 4 - Inerts of Minimal Concern  
 Microcrystalline cheesewax

### §205.602 Prohibited nonsynthetic substances

Ash from manure burning  
 Arsenic  
 Lead salts  
 Potassium chloride  
 Sodium fluoaluminatate  
 Strychnine  
 Tobacco dust (nicotine sulfate)

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## Livestock 2017 Sunset Materials

### §205.603 Synthetic substances allowed for use in organic livestock production

Alcohols (Ethanol, Isopropanol)  
 Aspirin  
 Atropine  
 Biologics, Vaccines  
 Butorphanol  
 Chlorhexidine  
 Chlorine Materials (Calcium hypochlorite, Chlorine dioxide, Sodium hypochlorite)  
 Electrolytes  
 Flunixin  
 Furosemide  
 Glucose  
 Glycerin  
 Hydrogen peroxide  
 Iodine  
 Magnesium hydroxide  
 Magnesium sulfate  
 Oxytocin  
 Parasiticides (Fenbendazole, Ivermectin, Moxidectin)  
 Peroxyacetic/Peracetic acid  
 Phosphoric acid

Poloxalene  
 Tolazoline  
 Xylazine  
 Copper sulfate  
 Formic Acid  
 Iodine  
 Lidocaine  
 Lime, hydrated  
 Mineral oil  
 Procaine  
 Sucrose octanoate esters  
 Methionine  
 Trace minerals  
 Vitamins  
 EPA List 4 - Inerts of Minimal Concern  
 Excipients

### §205.604 Prohibited nonsynthetic substances

Strychnine