

National Organic Standards Board Meeting Agenda October 20 & 22 (Comment Webinars), and October 27-29, 2026 (Meeting)

Schedule at a Glance (All times Eastern):

	TUE OCT. 20 & THU OCT. 22	TUESDAY OCT. 27	WEDNESDAY OCT. 28	THURSDAY OCT. 29
AFTERNOON	- Public comment webinar(s) (Eastern Time)	- Welcome/Call to Order - Welcoming Remarks - Agenda Overview - NOSB Introductions - Secretary's report - NOSB report - USDA/AMS/National Organic Program Update - Transition to Organic Partnership Program (TOPP) Presentations	- Livestock Subcommittee (LS) - Handling Subcommittee (HS) - Materials Subcommittee (MS)	- Crops Subcommittee (CS) - Compliance, Accreditation, & Certification Subcommittee (CACS) - Other Business - Work Agendas/ Materials' Update - Officer Elections - Farewell to Outgoing Members - Closing Remarks

Meeting Format

- NOTE: The meeting will be broadcast live via Zoom.
- The meeting may run ahead or behind schedule. Recess and adjournment times may vary based on completion of business.
- The National Organic Program (NOP) Designated Federal Officer calls the meeting to order and adjourns the meeting. The NOSB Chair presides over the meeting.
- NOSB members present Subcommittee proposals, discussion documents, and reports, and discuss public comments prior to voting on proposals. Final votes may be deferred to the end of the meeting if more deliberation is needed. NOTE: Agenda items may be withdrawn at the discretion of the Board.

How to Participate: Public Comments

- Written Comments: The NOSB encourages people to submit written comments. Written comments can be submitted to [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).
- Oral Comments: If you wish to provide oral comments, you must sign up in advance. Instructions are available on the NOSB meeting webpage <https://www.ams.usda.gov/event/national-organic-standards-board-nosb-meeting-Fall-2026>
- Each person registered to make public comments is allocated 3 minutes to allow time for as many speakers as possible. Each commenter will be asked to state their name and affiliation for the record at the beginning of their comment, and to observe guidelines in the [NOSB Policy and Procedures Manual \(p. 33\)](#).
- The public is welcome to listen to the comment webinars. Please see the NOSB meeting webpage, or schedule below, for login instructions for each session.

TUESDAY/THURSDAY OCTOBER 20 & 22, 2026

TIME (EASTERN)	AGENDA ITEM
12:00 - 5:00 PM	Public comment webinars (Zoom) Same link both days. Meeting ID: 165 193 0126 If you need to join by phone: +1 669 254 5252 US (San Jose) +1 646 828 7666 US (New York) +1 646 964 1167 US (US Spanish Line)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2026

TIME (EASTERN)	AGENDA ITEM
12:00 PM	Board Business Meeting (Zoom for virtual attendees) Same link all 3 days. Webinar ID: 165 890 9936 If you need to join by phone: +1 669 254 5252 US (San Jose) +1 646 828 7666 US (New York) +1 646 964 1167 US (US Spanish Line) Call to Order, Welcoming Remarks, NOP Introductions Dr. Jennifer Tucker, NOP Deputy Administrator Agenda Overview, NOSB Introductions Allison Johnson, NOSB Chair Secretary's report (acceptance of Spring 2026 meeting summary as official record) Andrea Hatziyannis, NOSB Secretary NOSB report Allison Johnson, NOSB Chair
1:00 PM	USDA/AMS/National Organic Program Update, and NOP - NOSB Q&A Dr. Jennifer Tucker, NOP Deputy Administrator
2:15 PM	Break
2:30 PM	TOPP Presentation
3:15 PM	Recess

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2026

TIME (EASTERN)	AGENDA ITEM
12:00 PM	Livestock Subcommittee (LS) - Nate Lewis, Chair Topics: Discussion Document: Integrating Livestock and Agroforestry Crops Proposal: Ivermectin for treatment of New World Screwworm 2028 Livestock Sunset Reviews: - Activated charcoal - Calcium borogluconate - Calcium propionate Chlorine Materials: - Calcium hypochlorite - Chlorine dioxide - Hypochlorous acid - generated from electrolyzed water - Sodium hypochlorite Kaolin pectin Mineral oil Nutritive supplements Propylene glycol Sodium chlorite, acidified Zinc sulfate
1:30 PM	Break
1:50 PM	Handling Subcommittee (HS) - Andrea Hatziyannis, Chair Topics: Discussion Document: Agar-agar Reclassification 2028 Handling Sunset Reviews: - Agar-agar - Animal enzymes - Calcium sulfate - mined - Carrageenan - Glucono delta-lactone - Tartaric acid - made from grape wine Cellulose Chlorine Materials: - Calcium hypochlorite - Chlorine dioxide - Hypochlorous acid - Sodium hypochlorite Potassium hydroxide Silicon dioxide Potassium lactate Sodium lactate
3:20 PM	Break
3:50 PM	Materials Subcommittee (MS) - Andrea Hatziyannis, Chair Topics: Discussion Document: 2027 Research Priorities Discussion Document: Induced Mutagenesis
4:30 PM	Recess

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2026

TIME (EASTERN)	AGENDA ITEM
12:00 PM	Crops Subcommittee (CS) - Dr. Franklin Quarcoo, Chair Topics: Proposal: Chitosan (classification as nonsynthetic) - petitioned Proposal: Chitosan (addition to 205.601) - petitioned 2028 Crops Sunset Reviews: Chlorine Materials: Calcium hypochlorite Chlorine dioxide Hypochlorous acid - generated from electrolyzed water Sodium hypochlorite Copper sulfate Ozone gas Peracetic acid Magnesium oxide EPA List 3 Inerts Calcium chloride Rotenone
1:30 PM	Break
1:50 PM	Compliance, Accreditation, & Certification Subcommittee (CACS) - Kathryn Deschenes, Chair Topics: Discussion Document: Consistency in Organic Seed Use Proposal: Residue Testing for a Global Supply Chain: Regulation Review (§ 205.670 and UREC definition)
3:05 PM	Other Business NOSB work agendas/Materials update Officer Elections Farewell to outgoing members: Allison Johnson, Dr Dilip Nandwani, Javier Zamora Closing remarks
4:00 PM	Adjourn