



FALL 2022 NOSB MEETING

AT-A-GLANCE LIST OF AGENDA TOPICS & SUBCOMMITTEE VOTES

The [fall 2022 National Organic Standards Board \(NOSB\) Meeting](#) will be held October 25-27 in Sacramento, CA, with live webcast for those not in attendance. Oral comment in advance via webinar on October 18 & 20. The [Meeting Agenda](#) and [Meeting Packet](#) (all proposals, discussion documents, and Sunset Reviews to be considered at the meeting) are posted, and the public comment period is open. **September 29 is the deadline** to [submit written comments](#) and/or [sign up for oral comments](#). Please visit [OTA's NOSB Meeting Webpage](#) for more information.

PROPOSALS (Vote)

TOPIC	SUBCOMMITTEE VOTE
NOP Risk Mitigation Table – proposed revisions to the procedures used by NOP to mitigate potential conflicts of interest	Motion to adopt the proposal: 6 Yes , 0 No.
NOSB Technical Support – proposal for NOP to proceed with an initiative to provide technical staff to help NOSB members with their workload	Motion to adopt the proposal: 5 Yes , 0 No, 1 Absent
Acreage Reporting – proposal to require certifiers to list harvested acres by crop type and the total acres of a certified organic operation on the organic certificate	Motion to adopt the proposal: 5 Yes , 0 No, 1 Abstain
Research Priorities 2022 – NOSB's annual list of research priorities for organic food and agriculture	Motion to adopt the proposal: 5 Yes , 0 No, 2 Absent
Ion Exchange Filtration – proposal that recharge materials used in ion exchange filtration process must be on the National List; (Note – see also a discussion document below regarding resins)	Motion to adopt the proposal: 6 Yes , 0 No, 2 Absent
Peroxylic Acid (HANDLING) – petitioned for use as an antimicrobial processing aid for meat and poultry carcasses; also called PoLA	To add at §205.605(b) for use as an antimicrobial agent in process water, ice, or brine used in the production, processing, and preparation of meat and poultry products: 3 Yes, 3 No , 2 Absent
Phosphoric Acid (HANDLING) – petition to expand use for extracting target molecules from seaweed	To amend the annotation of phosphoric acid at 205.605(b) to (underlined verbiage is the proposed addition): “cleaning of food-contact surfaces and equipment, <u>and as an acidifier to adjust pH of an extraction solvent to extract antioxidants or other target molecules from <i>lamiaceae</i> plants, provided the amount of acid used shall not exceed the minimum needed to lower pH to 2.5.</u> ”: 0 Yes, 6 No , 2 Absent
Carbon Dioxide (CROPS) – petition for use as a pH adjuster of irrigation water sources	To add at §205.601(a) algicide, disinfectants, and sanitizer, including irrigation system cleaning systems: 6 Yes , 0 No, 2 Absent
Potassium Hydroxide (CROPS) – petitioned for use as a production aid for liquid fish fertilizers	To add at §205.601 as a processing aid: 6 Yes, 1 No , 1 Absent

SUNSET REVIEWS (Vote)

MATERIAL	SUBCOMMITTEE VOTE
Herbicidal Soaps (CROPS) – farmstead maintenance and ornamentals	5 to relist , 0 to remove, 3 absent
Biodegradable Biobased Mulch Film (CROPS) – weed control	2 to relist , 4 to remove , 1 abstain, 1 absent
Boric acid (CROPS) – structural pest control	7 to relist , 0 to remove, 1 absent
Sticky traps/barriers (CROPS) – pest control/monitoring	5 to relist , 0 to remove, 3 absent
Elemental sulfur (CROPS) – slug and snail bait	6 to relist , 0 to remove, 2 absent
Coppers, fixed (CROPS) – disease control	6 to relist , 1 to remove , 1 absent
Copper sulfate (CROPS) – disease control	5 to relist , 1 to remove , 1 abstain, 1 absent
Polyoxin D zinc salt (CROPS) – disease control	5 to relist , 0 to remove, 3 absent
Humic acids (CROPS) – plant/soil amendment	7 to relist , 0 to remove, 1 absent
Boron, Soluble Products (CROPS) – micronutrient	7 to relist , 0 to remove, 1 absent
Zinc, Copper, Iron, Manganese, Molybdenum, Selenium, Cobalt (CROPS) – micronutrient	7 to relist , 0 to remove, 1 absent
Vitamins C and E (CROPS) – plant/soil amendment	7 to relist , 0 to remove, 1 absent
Squid byproducts (CROPS) – fertilizer	7 to relist , 0 to remove, 1 absent
Lead salts (CROPS) – prohibited	7 to relist , 0 to remove, 1 absent
Tobacco dust (CROPS) – prohibited	7 to relist , 0 to remove, 1 absent
Attapulgate (HANDLING) – clarifying aid	6 to relist , 1 to remove , 1 absent
Bentonite (HANDLING) – clarifying aid	6 to relist , 0 to remove, 2 absent
Diatomaceous earth (HANDLING) – filtering aid	7 to relist , 0 to remove, 1 absent
Magnesium chloride (HANDLING) – tofu coagulation; nutrient	6 to relist , 0 to remove, 2 absent
Nitrogen (HANDLING) – packaging, propellant	5 to relist , 0 to remove, 3 absent
Sodium carbonate (HANDLING) – leavener, pH regulator	6 to relist , 0 to remove, 2 absent
Acidified sodium chlorite (HANDLING) – sanitizer; antimicrobial	6 to relist , 0 to remove, 2 absent
Carbon dioxide (HANDLING) – storage aid, carbonation	6 to relist , 0 to remove, 2 absent
Sodium phosphates (HANDLING) – dairy processing	6 to relist , 0 to remove, 2 absent
Casings (HANDLING) – for sausage	7 to relist , 0 to remove, 1 absent
Pectin (HANDLING) – gelling agent	7 to relist , 0 to remove, 1 absent
Potassium acid tartrate (HANDLING) – cream of tartar	6 to relist , 0 to remove, 2 absent
Chlorhexidine (LIVESTOCK) – surgical antimicrobial; teat dip	4 to relist , 0 to remove, 2 absent
Glucose (LIVESTOCK) – ketosis treatment	6 to relist , 0 to remove
Tolazoline (LIVESTOCK) – sedative reversal	6 to relist , 0 to remove
Copper sulfate (LIVESTOCK) – hoof treatment	6 to relist , 0 to remove
Elemental sulfur (LIVESTOCK) – external pest control	4 to relist , 0 to remove, 2 absent
Lidocaine (LIVESTOCK) – topical anesthetic	6 to relist , 0 to remove

DISCUSSION DOCUMENTS (No Vote)

- **Climate Smart Agriculture:** articulating why organic farming as “climate-smart” agriculture
- **Ion Exchange Filtration:** whether resins used in ion exchange filtration need to be listed on the National List
- **Minimum Reporting Requirements:** universal auditing documents (mass-balance and traceback templates)