

USDA Seeks Nominees for National Organic Standards Board

Application Deadline – September 9, 2025

Docket Number: AMS-NOP-24-0082

Dates: Applications must be received by mail or postmarked on or before September 9, 2025.

Summary

The Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA) established the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) to assist in developing standards for substances to be used in organic production and to advise the Secretary on OFPA's implementation. Through this notice, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is requesting nominations to fill the following vacancies:

- Two individuals who own or operate an organic farming operation or employees of such individuals;
- Two individuals who represent public interest or consumer interest groups; and
- One individual who is a USDA-accredited certifying agent.

Appointees will serve a five-year term beginning Jan. 2026 and ending Jan. 2031. Additionally, AMS seeks applications for a pool of candidates that the Secretary of Agriculture can draw upon as replacement appointees if unexpected vacancies occur.

How to Apply

Written applications must include:

- Resume
- [AD-755 Advisory Committee Background Information Form](#)
- Name of the position(s) to which you are applying.

Applications may also include:

- Cover letter (optional), and
- Letters of reference (optional). Reference letters will be accepted after the application deadline and can be submitted separately.

Electronic submissions are preferred and should be emailed to Michelle.Arsenault@usda.gov.

Additional information

- [Federal Register Notice](#)
- [NOSB Recommendation on Criteria for NOSB Membership \(pdf\)](#)
- [About the NOSB - Current Members, Activities, Policy & Procedures Manual, Resources](#)
- For more information about the NOSB, time commitments, workload, and how to apply, please visit the [NOSB Nominations page](#).

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