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SONOMA & MARIN COUNTY WODPA REGIONAL MEETING



Tuesday, July 7th 2026
11:30AM - 1:00PM

Thank you for joining us today!

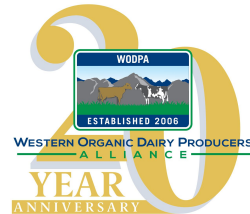




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TO OUR 2026 FARMER MEMBERS

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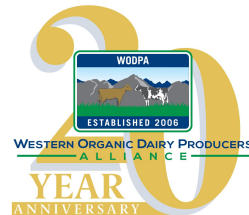
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Bonanza View Dairy - Bonanza, OR	Lafranchi Ranch - Nicasio, CA
Brodth Partnership LLC - Ferndale, CA	M & N Miranda Dairy - Loleta, CA
Cahill Dairy - Fortuna, CA	Martin's Dairy - Fort Jones, CA
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Haugen Family Farm, LLC - Buckley, WA	Travis Moreda Dairy - Petaluma, CA
Henry M Perucchi & Son - Bodega, CA	Wesen Farms, Inc. - Bow, WA
Hopewell Farm - Everson, WA	Wesen Organic Dairy, LLC - Bow, WA
Hughes Dairy - Bodega, CA	Windy Ridge - Bonanza, OR
Infinity Dairy - Ferndale, CA	





Today's Agenda

- Welcome
- Re-cap of WODPA's Year so far
- New World Screwworm
- Lunchtime Learning Recaps
- 20th Anniversary Conference & Trade Show
- WODPA's Legacy Scholarship Announcement
- What can WODPA do for you?
- Words from our friends at NRCS, FSA and the UC Extension





WODPA's 2026

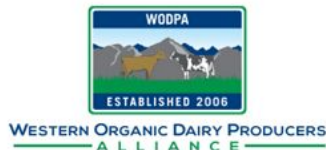
A Work in Progress

Common OSP Template

- It's LIVE! [Organic System Plan Template | Agricultural Marketing Service](#)
- This is still voluntary for certifiers to use. First check with your certifier if they will accept the OSP in this format.
- NOP has tasked the Accredited Certifiers Association (ACA) with developing a governance system for updating the Common OSP.

Alignment on Meloxicam

- We urged the NOP to promptly advance the proposed rule to add meloxicam to the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Materials, ensuring organic livestock producers can meet modern animal welfare expectations.
- Strong stakeholder support
- Essential Tool for Humane, High-Standard Animal Care
- Alignment with other Animal Care Programs
- Increasing Urgency Due to Regulatory Changes
- Clear Request to the National Organic Program



May 4, 2026

National Organic Standards Board

USDA-AMS
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250-0268

RE: AMS- NOP-25-0914-0001 - Livestock Comments

WODPA's Comments to the National Organic Standards Board

Spring 2026
May 12 – 14, 2026
Omaha, Nebraska

Livestock Comments

Dear National Organic Standards Board,

Thank you for providing us with the valuable opportunity to submit our comments and perspectives regarding the various substances and topics currently under consideration by the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) for the Spring 2026 session. These remarks are respectfully submitted on behalf of the Western Organic Dairy Producers Alliance (WODPA), an organization dedicated to representing the collective voice and interests of organic dairy farmers located throughout the Western United States. As an alliance, we are deeply committed to advocating for the well-being and ongoing viability of organic dairies, safeguarding the livelihoods of those who work within the industry, and addressing the wide range of issues that affect the sustainability and future growth of organic dairy production. We greatly appreciate this forum to share our insights, especially with respect to the Sunset Materials review, and we value the NOSB's dedication to maintaining high standards and transparency within the organic sector.

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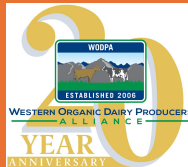
National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) Spring 2026 Meeting

- Written comments were submitted
 - [CURRENT NEWS](#)
- Verbal comments were provided as well



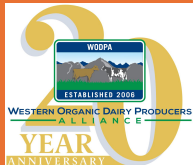
What did WODPA's NOSB comments include?

- Sunset Materials for Livestock:
 - Activated Charcoal
 - Calcium borogluconate & Calcium Propionate
 - Chlorine Materials
 - Kaolin Pectin
 - Mineral Oil
 - Nutritive Supplements
 - Propylene Glycol
 - Sodium Chlorite, acidified
 - Zinc Sulfate
- WODPA supported the relisting of all materials up for sunset review for Crops.



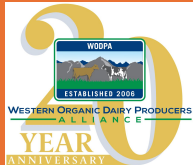
Chlorine Materials Proposal

- Motion to amend chlorine at 7 CFR 205.603(a)(10) as follows:
 - (10) Chlorine materials—disinfecting and sanitizing facilities, equipment, and livestock drinking water. Residual chlorine levels in the water shall not exceed the maximum residual disinfectant limit under the Safe Drinking Water Act.



Third Party technical reviews (TR):

- WODPA welcomes adding this to the Policy and Procedures Manual, formalizing what has long been Board practice.
- Petitions should be reviewed transparently, with thorough third-party verification available to all community members.
- The TR serves as a reference in the petitioned substances database, helping future Boards understand the reasons for listing a material.
- Requiring a TR helps ensure integrity in decision-making.



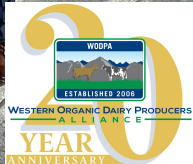
Farm Bill updates:

The Organic Dairy Data Collection Act – HR 4110

- ✓ Sponsors: Rep. Pingree (ME), Rep. Langworthy (NY), Rep. Wied (WI)

✓ included in the House's version of the Farm Bill The Organic Dairy Assistance, Investment, and Reporting Yields Act of 2025 (O DAIRY) – Senate 2442

- ✓ Sponsors: Sen. Welch (VT), Sen. Gillibrand (NY), Sen. Sanders (VT), Sen. Smith (MN), Sen. Booker (NJ)
- ✓ currently included in the Senate Ag Committee version



Where are we with the Farm Bill?

- The House passed its version of the Farm Bill & it went to the Senate Ag Committee.
- Senate Ag Committee Republicans have released a DRAFT Discussion Farm Bill Document that they would like to see passed.
 - Senate Democrats did not help create this discussion document as they are standing firm on the Farm Bill issues and positions regarding SNAP benefits.
- Once the Senate Ag Committee passes a version of the Farm Bill, it proceeds to the Senate Floor.
 - Both chambers must pass the final bill before it's sent to the President for signature.



House's proposal for the Farm Bill

A few very important wins for organic:

1. Better data for organic dairy
2. Authorization of the Organic Transitions Program
3. Higher payment limits for the EQIP Organic Initiative
4. Support for regionally adopted seeds & breeds
5. Local food system investments
6. Removed the shield for pesticide companies

However, the House version did fall short for organic in many ways. Now is the time to tell your Senators to:

- Increase funding for the USDA National Organic Program (NOP).
- Provide meaningful organic certification cost-share support.
- Help organic farms reach new markets.
- Protect against organic import fraud.



Senate's released Discussion Draft

The **Senate Ag Committee** has now released a **discussion draft** of their proposed "Farm Bill 2.0". In some areas, it improves on the Farm Bill passed by the House earlier this year but it **still falls short** on what the organic industry needs.

This draft does **NOT** include:

1. **Better data for organic dairy**
2. Provide meaningful organic certification cost-share support.
3. Increase mandatory funding for organic research
4. investments needed to help farmers transition to organic and expand domestic markets

However, the Senate version does include:

- Increase funding for the USDA National Organic Program (NOP).
- Strengthening verification of high-risk organic imports
- creates a process for considering risk- based oversight approach



Coalition for Organic Dairy Exemption (CODE): FMMO Reform for Organic Dairy

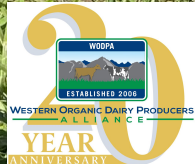


- [Coalition for Organic Dairy Exemption](#) (CROPP Cooperative, Aurora Organic Dairy and Horizon Organic Dairy) took important legal actions as part of a broader strategy to seek an exemption for organic dairy from the pooling obligations required within the FMMO.
- April 24: Each company filed individual cases in district court against USDA challenging FMMO rules being applied to organic dairy. This is a continuation of an ongoing challenge happening through USDA administrative processes related to FMMO's changes made effective in June 2025. The April 24 filings focus on constitutional claims.
- April 28: Seven CROPP Cooperative farmer-owners filed a separate farmer class-action claim, in the court of federal claims, asserting that the application of FMMO rules to organic dairy constitutes an unlawful taking.
- For context, the current FMMO system treats organic and conventional dairy the same, even though organic dairy operates under a very different market model. As a result, organic producers have been required to pay into a federal pricing and pooling system that provides no benefit to organic dairy producers. Since 2006, organic dairy has contributed more than \$400 million to the FMMO system.
- The Coalition's website: [Home page | Coalition for Organic Dairy Exemption](#).



Letter sign- ons:

- Alignment in Support of Meloxicam
- Letter of Support for Nurse Cows and Profitability – Oregon University
- Letter of Support for Fly and Tick Control in Organic Dairies - Ohio State
- Letter of Support for Evaluating the Use of Foster Cows Effects on Calves, Cows and Profitability
- Letter of Support for the nomination of OTA's Farmer of the Year Award
- NODPA & WODPA propose policy in response to OFA proposed policy on use of antibiotics
- Point Reyes National Seashore support letter
- Farmer letters of support to certifiers





Responding to New World Screwworm: What Dairy Farmers Need and Why It Matters

- New World Screwworm (NWS) is a serious pest that can infect livestock, pets, wildlife, and occasionally people. The larvae feed on living tissue, causing severe wounds, animal suffering, production losses, and potentially death if left untreated.

Organic treatment considerations for certified producers

- Organic livestock producers may recognize moxidectin as a treatment allowed under USDA National Organic Program (NOP) rules for severe parasitism when preventive organic management is not enough.
- Some studies on Old World Screwworm (OWS) found that injectable moxidectin can provide strong protection against myiasis and reinfestation in cattle.
- It is important to note that if a farm chooses to use Moxidectin it will be extra-label use and needs to be done through the farm's veterinarian.
- It may also be considered at the time of wounding as a preventive measure when the risk of NWS is especially high.
- Whole-herd injections are unlikely to be cost-effective or efficient, since the benefit may last only days to a couple of weeks.
- Early detection is the most effective defense. Organic treatment options are limited. Producers should consult their veterinarian and verify product compliance through OMRI and organic certification requirements before treatment.



Physical description of a New World Screwworm:

Adult Fly

- **Size:** Slightly larger than a common housefly.
- **Coloration:** Metallic blue or blue-green.
- **Eyes:** Large and bright reddish-orange.
- **Thorax:** Features three distinct dark vertical stripes along the back.
- It is doubtful that you will ever see the adult fly of NWS since they are solitary insects and do not feed on livestock as adults. Males feed on flower nectar and females feed decomposing animals or wound liquid as they lay egg masses.



Physical description of a New World Screwworm:

Larva (Maggot)

- **Shape:** Cylindrical and tapers to a point at one end, blunt at the other.
- **Color:** White to cream-colored.
- **Distinctive Features:** Surrounded by rings of dark, backward-projecting spines (giving it the "screwworm" appearance). Mature larvae can grow up to 2/3 of an inch in length.
- **Internal Features:** The final third of the body features pigmented internal breathing tubes (tracheal trunks) that appear as two dark vertical slits.



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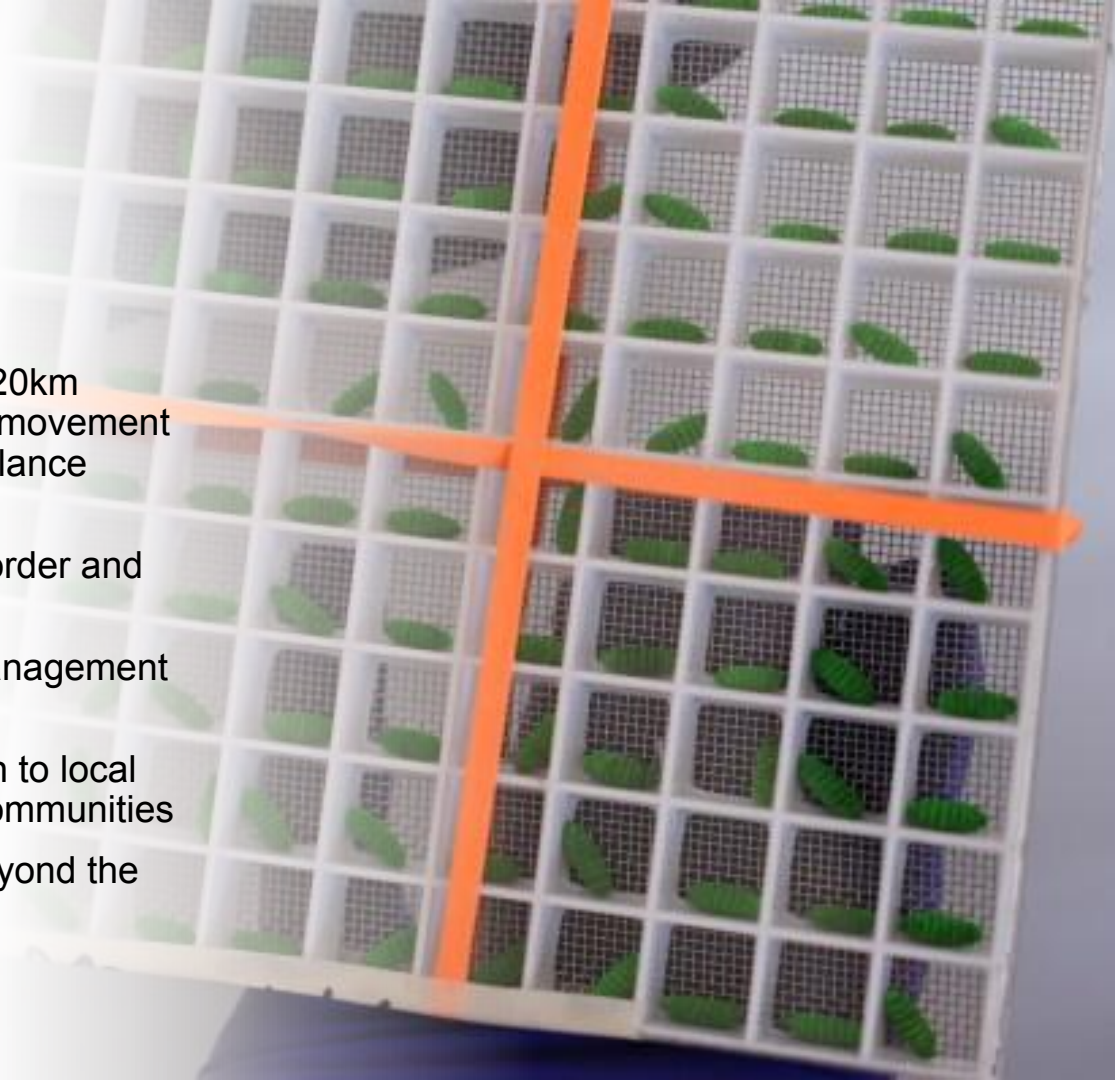
Eggs

- **Appearance:** Creamy white to pale yellow.
- **Placement:** Laid in shingle-like, tightly packed batches of 200 to 300 along the edges of open wounds or mucous membranes.



USDA and the Texas
Animal Health
Commission are using
the following measures
to contain the spread:

- Establishing and maintaining a 20km infested zone with quarantines, movement controls, and heightened surveillance around confirmed detections
- Increasing trapping along the border and outside the dispersal zone
- Conducting surveillance and management strategies in wildlife
- Implementing targeted outreach to local producers, veterinarians, and communities
- Sterile Fly releases over and beyond the infested areas



Know the signs:

1. Draining or enlarging wounds
2. Maggots or egg masses
3. Signs of discomfort
4. Lesions in body openings (nose, ears, genitalia, umbilical area)



Remember:

Detection • Surveillance • Prompt
Treatment • Reporting

Steps farmers can take to help prevent infestation



Watch livestock for signs of NWS. Detection, surveillance, & treatment are essential.



Handle livestock carefully and inspect pens and equipment for sharp objects that can cause wounds, including barbed wire.



Treat the umbilical cords of newborn animals and all wounds promptly with an approved product where appropriate. Consult your herd veterinarian and organic certifier about the best options for your operation.



Protect livestock from other wound-causing parasites, such as ticks. Female NWS flies can lay eggs in even very small wounds, including tick-bite sites.

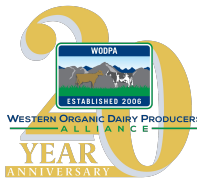


Do not bring in animals from Mexico or Central America.



Continued attention to regular fly and tick control and prevention as crucial.

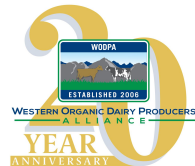
If you believe you have found screwworm, report it immediately to your state animal health official, extension office and your APHIS office. Prompt reporting allows APHIS and its partners to respond quickly and eliminate screwworms before a population becomes established. **More information about New World Screwworm is available at Screwworm.gov.**





2026 Lunchtime Learnings

WODPA partners with stakeholders to host *Lunchtime Learning* webinars that reach more than 250 organic dairies and other stakeholders across the United States. These webinars are free to those in the livestock industry and are promoted through our stakeholder network and affiliated organizations.





Project Talks with NRCS

Presented virtually on **January 15th** and focused on how dairy farmers can advocate effectively when working with NRCS and other USDA offices.

A key takeaway was that farmers should speak up for themselves and their operations if they believe they qualify for a program.



Intestinal Health: A Foundation for Performance in Organic Dairies

- Sponsored by Kemin Animal Nutrition & Health, was presented virtually on **April 2nd** by Dr. Elliot Neto.
- The webinar focused on CLOSTAT Green, an OMRI-listed direct-fed microbial designed to support gut health, immune function, and overall dairy cattle performance.
- A recording, FAQ sheet, and specification sheet are available at <https://wodpa.com/lunchtime-learning>.



Where Food Comes From Organic: WFCFO's Pasture Rule Refresh & Common Non-Compliances

- Presented virtually on **June 10th** by Jamie Abbott, Director of Organic Operations at Where Food Comes From.
- Reviewed the NOP pasture rule and common organic certification and Validus animal welfare non-compliances, helping farmers avoid similar issues in the future.
- A recording is available on our website at <https://wodpa.com/lunchtime-learning>.



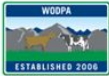
Farmer Resources

- Organic Dairy Exemption Request Form
- Supplemental Disaster Relief Program (SDRP)
- Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm- Raised Fish (ELAP)
- Conservation Innovation Grants
- CDFA - OARS - Dairy Plus Program
- New World Screwworm Updates
- Keep your **FSA 578 Form** up to date with your local FSA office





- Send statements to AgData@ArgusMedia.com
- All organic dairy producers can submit statements. Only paying WODPA members can see the survey results.



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Organic Dairy Producers Milk Statement Survey
Q1 2025 Final

WESTERN ORGANIC DAIRY PRODUCERS
ALLIANCE

WODPA Western Organic Dairy Statement Values¹

	Q3 2024	Q4 2024	Q1 2025	Q1 2024
Survey Sample Metrics				
Farms	9	8	9	10
States	4	3	4	4
Statements	39	35	37	40
Processors	7	7	6	7
Net Payments (U.S. \$)				
Total				
Total (per CWT)				
Total Solids Price (per CWT)				
Net less Gross (per CWT)				

¹ Values calculated from organic milk statement data contributed by WODPA members
² Includes hauling fees and all other deductions and charges

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WODPA works year-round to ensure organic dairy producers have a strong voice at the national, state and local level. We represent farmers' perspectives when advocating on key issues affecting the dairy industry and collaborate with national organic advocacy groups and industry stakeholders to highlight the issues that matter most to organic producers.

FARMER BENEFITS INCLUDE:



Representation through industry trade groups in Washington, D.C., and beyond



Timely updates on new funding opportunities for organic dairy producers



Access to Mercaris/Argus Media market data for organic and non-GMO commodities, plus reports summarizing organic milk statement data



A *monthly e-newsletter* with industry news and updates



Access to Lunchtime Learning webinars hosted by industry stakeholders



Connections to helpful resources such as mediation programs and grant opportunities



A discounted registration rate for the 2026 Conference & Trade Show



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AND/OR A DONATION.



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October 27-28

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Chico, CA

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AS WE CELEBRATE
20 YEARS OF
WODPA

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WODPA Legacy Scholarship

The WODPA Legacy Scholarship supports students pursuing higher education and careers in agriculture, with preference given to organic agriculture and dairy-related fields.

Eligibility Requirements

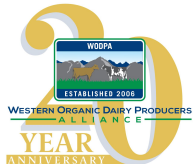
- Be a graduating high school senior or a current student enrolled in a two- or four-year college, university, or trade school.
- Be enrolled in at least 12 academic units during the award semester/quarter and maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA during the award year.
- Pursue a major or career focus in agriculture. Preference is given to students emphasizing organic agriculture and/or dairy.

Award

- Scholarship Amount: \$1,000
- Funds are paid directly to the recipient within 30 days of selection.

Deadline: September 1, 2026

- For more information and to find the outline and application, please visit our website!



Application Process

Application

- Submit a completed application and all required materials by September 1, 2026.
- Applications may be submitted by email or mail.
- Finalists (2–5 candidates) will participate in a virtual interview with the Scholarship Review Committee.

Required Application Materials

- Completed application form
- Two signed letters of recommendation (dated within the past three months on official letterhead; non-relatives preferred)
- Most recent unofficial transcript(s); explain any D or F grades
- One-page essay describing educational/personal experiences, reasons for choosing the field of study, and future goals
- Recent high-resolution headshot (JPEG)

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Open Discussion

- What opportunities is WODPA missing out on?
- How can we better support you?
- What would sway you to coming to conference this year?

Contact us!

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