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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

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National Organic Standards Board Call for Nominations

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; call for nominations.

SUMMARY: Through this Notice, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is announcing its call for nominations to fill five vacancies on the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB): 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 5-year term beginning in January 2026 and ending in January 2031. Additionally, USDA seeks nominations for a pool of candidates that the Secretary of Agriculture can draw upon as replacement appointees if unexpected vacancies occur.

DATES: Application packages must be received by mail or postmarked on or before September 9, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Applications can be sent via email to Michelle Arsenault at Michelle.Arsenault@usda.gov or mailed to: USDA–AMS–NOP, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 2642–S, Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250–0268. Electronic submittals are preferred.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Arsenault, (202) 997–0115; email: Michelle.Arsenault@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For information on how to apply, please see the nominations process page: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic/nosb/nomination-process>.

The Organic Foods Production Act (OFPA), as amended (7 U.S.C. 6501–6524), required the Secretary to establish the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The NOSB was established to assist in the development of standards for substances to be used in organic production and to advise the Secretary on the implementation of the OFPA.

The NOSB is composed of 15 members:

- Four individuals who own or operate an organic farming operation, or employees of such individuals;
- Two individuals who own or operate an organic handling operation, or employees of such individuals;
- One individual who owns or operates a retail establishment with significant trade in organic products, or employees of such individuals;
- Three individuals with expertise in areas of environmental protection and resource conservation;
- Three individuals who represent public interest or consumer interest groups;
- One individual with expertise in the fields of toxicology, ecology, or biochemistry; and
- One individual who is a certifying agent.

Per OFPA, under 7 U.S.C. 6518, individuals seeking appointment to the NOSB must meet the qualifications for the relevant vacancy (e.g., demonstrated experience and interest in organic production and organic certification, demonstrated experience with respect to agricultural products produced and handled on certified organic farms, or experience with consumer and public interest organizations). Applicants should also consider the additional selection criteria the NOSB recommended on June 10, 1999, included below and on the following web page: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/rules-regulations/organic/nosb/nomination-process>.

- A general understanding of organic principles and practical experience in the organic community;
- Demonstrated experience in the development of public policy such as participation on public or private advisory boards, boards of directors, or other comparable organizations;
- Participation in standards development or involvement in educational outreach activities;

- A commitment to the integrity and growth of the organic food and fiber industry;

- The ability to evaluate technical information and to fully participate in NOSB deliberation and recommendations;

- The willingness to commit the time and energy necessary to assume NOSB duties; and

- Other such factors as may be appropriate for specific positions.

To apply, submit the following: a resume (required); Form AD–755 (required), which can be accessed at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-755-advisory-committee-commodity-board-background-information.pdf>; a cover letter (optional); and letters of recommendation (optional). Resumes should be no longer than five (5) pages and should include the following information: the position for which you are applying; current and past organization affiliations; areas of expertise; education; career positions held; and any other notable, relevant positions held. Previous applicants who wish to be considered must reapply.

If USDA receives a request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) for records relating to NOSB nominations, application materials may be released to the requester. Prior to the release of the information, personally identifiable information protected by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) will be redacted.

Equal opportunity practices, in accordance with USDA policies, will be followed in all membership appointments to the Committee.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

AMS encourages submissions from qualified applicants, regardless of

“persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA’s TARGET Center at (202) 720–2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.”

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) previously cleared the information collection requirements concerning the nomination process under OMB Control No. 0505–0001.

Dated: July 8, 2025.

Cikena Reid,

USDA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Reinstatement

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and reinstatement under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. Comments are requested regarding: whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques and other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by August 11, 2025 will be considered. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information

displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Forest Service

Title: Timber Sale Contract Operations and Administration.

OMB Control Number: 0596–0225.

Summary of Collection: The Forest Service (FS) is authorized under the National Forest Management Act (16 U.S.C. 472a); Contract Disputes Act of 1978; Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008; Executive Order 11246, as amended by E.O. 11375 and E.O. 12086; 36 CFR 223.30–60 and 36 CFR 223.110–118; 40 CFR 112 and Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Act of 1990, § 620d Monitoring and Enforcement, as amended in 1997 by Public Law 105–83 and current through Public Law 110–450 and Agricultural Act of 2014, Title VIII Forestry, to collect information associated with operations and administration of bilateral contracts for the sale of timber and other forest products. Forest Service contracts for the sale of timber and other forest products are bilateral contracts in which both contracting parties are bound to fulfill obligations reciprocally. By their nature bilateral contracts require both parties to routinely share information and enter into agreements pertaining to operations and performance. Some information collected under Forest Service contracts is required by laws, regulations and/or timber sale policies. Each contract specifies the information the contractor will be required to provide, including the timing and frequency of the information collection.

Need and Use of the Information: Information collected pursuant to contract administration is required by laws, regulations, and Forest Service timber sale policies. Each contract specifies the information the contractor will be required to provide, including the timing and frequency of the information collection. Additionally, these contracts are subject to the Contract Disputes Act of 1976. Written documentation of plans, inspections, requests for action by the other party, agreements, modifications, acceptances of work, and virtually everything else pertaining to performance is collected and is essential to resolving disputes. The information collection in this request is necessary to implement the above statutes, regulations, and policies designed to administer contracts for the

sale and disposal of National Forest System timber and other forest products.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Farms; Not-for-profit institutions.

Number of Respondents: 4,109.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Annually; Semi-annually; Monthly; On occasion.

Total Burden Hours: 26,722.

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Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

U.S. Codex Office

Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues

AGENCY: U.S. Codex Office, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Codex Office is sponsoring a public meeting on August 13, 2025. The objective of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items to be discussed at the 56th Session of the Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues (CCPR56) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC). CCPR56 will be held in Santiago, Chile, from September 8–13, 2025. The U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius and the Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 56th Session of the CCPR and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2025, from 2:00–4:00 p.m. ET.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place via video teleconference only. Documents related to the 56th Session of the CCPR will be accessible via the internet at the following address: <https://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/en/?meeting=CCPR&session=56>.

Mr. Aaron Niman, U.S. Delegate to the 56th Session of the CCPR, invites interested U.S. parties to submit their comments electronically to the following email address: niman.aaron@epa.gov. Comments should state that they relate to the activities of the 56th Session of the CCPR.