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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS–NOP–25–0034]

Rescheduled Meeting of the National Organic Standards Board

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), USDA, is announcing a rescheduled meeting of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB). The NOSB assists USDA in the development of standards for substances to be used in organic production and advises the Secretary of Agriculture on any other aspects of the implementation of the Organic Foods Production Act (OFPA).

DATES: A virtual meeting will be held January 13–14, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) each day. The deadline to submit written comments is December 30, 2025.

ADDRESSES: The meeting is virtual and will be accessed via the internet and/or phone. Access information will be available on the AMS website prior to the meeting. Detailed information can be found at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/event/national-organic-standards-board-nosb-meeting-fall-2025>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Michelle Arsenault, Advisory Committee Specialist, National Organic Standards Board, USDA–AMS–NOP, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 2642–S, STOP 0268, Washington, DC 20250–0268; phone: (202) 997–0115; email: nosb@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. 10, and 7 U.S.C. 6518(e), as amended, AMS is announcing a rescheduled meeting of the NOSB. This meeting replaces the

NOSB meeting scheduled for November 4–6, 2025, which was cancelled. The NOSB makes recommendations to USDA about whether substances should be allowed or prohibited in organic production and/or handling, assists in the development of standards for organic production, and advises the Secretary on other aspects of the implementation of the Organic Foods Production Act, 7 U.S.C. 6501, *et seq.* NOSB is holding a public meeting to discuss and vote on proposed recommendations to USDA, to obtain updates from the NOP on issues pertaining to organic agriculture, and to receive comments from the organic community. All meeting documents and instructions for participating will be available on the AMS website at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/event/national-organic-standards-board-nosb-meeting-fall-2025>. Please check the website periodically for updates. Meeting topics will encompass a wide range of issues, including substances petitioned for addition to, or removal from, the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances (National List), substances on the National List that are under sunset review, and guidance on organic policies.

Written Comments: Written public comments will be accepted until December 30, 2025, via <https://www.regulations.gov> (Doc. No. AMS–NOP–25–0034). Comments submitted after this date will be added to the public comment docket, but Board members may not have adequate time to consider those comments prior to making recommendations. NOP strongly prefers comments to be submitted electronically. However, written comments may also be submitted (*i.e.*, postmarked) via mail, by or before December 30, 2025, to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Meeting Accommodations: USDA provides reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities where appropriate. If you require reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpretation, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodation to the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Determinations for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

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

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Dated: December 10, 2025.

Cikena Reid,

USDA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Doc. No. AMS–FGIS–25–0519]

Grain Inspection Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces an upcoming meeting of the Grain Inspection Advisory Committee (Committee). The Committee meets no less than once annually to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on the programs and services delivered by the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) under the U.S. Grain Standards Act. Recommendations by the Committee help AMS meet the needs of its customers, who operate in a dynamic and changing marketplace. This meeting was previously scheduled for October 28, 2025, but was postponed.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 21, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Central and on January 22, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Central.

Written Comments: Any member of the public may file written comments with the Committee before or within 15 days after the date on which the meeting concludes. Comments should be submitted via email to Anthony.T.Goodeman@usda.gov. The Committee will consider comments submitted on or before 11:59 p.m. ET on January 9, 2026, prior to the meeting. Comments submitted after this date will be provided to the Committee, but the Committee may not have adequate time to consider those comments prior to the meeting. Comments submitted after the conclusion of the meeting will be posted on the public website.

Oral Comments: The Committee is providing the public an opportunity to present oral comments and will accommodate as many individuals and organizations as time permits. Persons or organizations wishing to make oral comments must pre-register by 11:59 p.m. ET, January 9, 2026, and may only register for one speaking slot. Instructions for registering and participating in the meeting can be obtained by contacting the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by or before the deadline.

ADDRESSES: Meeting Location: The Committee meeting will take place at the AMS National Grain Center, 10383 N. Ambassador Drive, Kansas City, Missouri 64153. A virtual option will be offered, and the online meeting details can be found at the Advisory Committee website at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/about-ams/facas-advisory-councils/giac>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anthony Goodeman by phone at (202) 720-0291 or by email at Anthony.T.Goodeman@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to AMS with respect to the implementation of the U.S. Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 71-87k). Information about the Committee is available on the AMS website at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/about-ams/facas-advisory-councils/giac>.

The agenda for the upcoming meeting will focus on grain inspection matters including, but not limited to, regulatory updates; technology modernization initiatives; inspection policies; operational updates; and a presentation on how the agency uses technology for grading other commodities.

The meeting will be open to the public. Public participation will be limited to written statements and interested parties who have registered to present comments orally to the Committee.

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Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language) should contact the State or local Agency that administers the program or contact USDA through the Telecommunications Relay Service at 711 (voice and TTY). Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

Dated: December 10, 2025.

Cikena Reid,

USDA Committee Management Officer.

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Plant Variety Protection Board Meeting

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing a meeting of the Plant Variety Protection Board (Board). The meeting is being held to discuss a variety of topics including, but not limited to, program activities and measures to improve program efficiency and effectiveness. The meeting is open to the public. This notice sets forth the schedule and location for the meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, February 16, 2026, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Registration: Those wishing to participate are encouraged to pre-

register by January 23, 2026, by contacting Timothy Williams, Plant Variety Examiner, at telephone: (202) 720-1124 or email: timothy.r.williams@usda.gov.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront, 1 Park Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92101; telephone: (619) 564-3333.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Timothy Williams, Plant Variety Examiner, Plant Variety Protection Office, USDA, AMS, Science and Technology Program, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250; telephone: (202) 720-1124 or email: timothy.r.williams@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the provisions of section 10(a) of the FACA (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), this notice informs the public that the Plant Variety Protection Office (PVP Office) is sponsoring a meeting of the Board on February 16-17, 2026. The Plant Variety Protection Act (PVP Act) (7 U.S.C. 2321 *et seq.*) provides legal protection in the form of intellectual property rights to developers of new varieties of plants. A certificate of Plant Variety Protection is awarded to an owner of a crop variety after an examination shows that it is new, distinct from other varieties, genetically uniform and stable through successive generations. The term of protection is 20 years for most crops and 25 years for trees, shrubs, and vines. The PVP Act also provides for a statutory Board (7 U.S.C. 2327). The Board is composed of 14 individuals who are experts in various areas of development and represent the seed industry sector, academia, farmers, and government. The duties of the Board are to: (1) advise the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary) concerning the adoption of rules and regulations to facilitate the proper administration of the PVP Act; (2) provide advisory counsel to the Secretary on appeals concerning decisions on applications by the PVP Office and on requests for emergency public-interest compulsory licenses; and (3) advise the Secretary on any other matters under the regulations and rules of practice and on all questions under section 44 of the PVP Act, "Public interest in wide usage" (7 U.S.C. 2404).

Meeting Agenda: The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss PVP Office program activities and initiatives; improvements to make the program more efficient and effective; and strategies to continue to promote plant breeding, enhance innovation, and increase the competitiveness of U.S. agriculture. The meeting will be open to the public. Those wishing to participate